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JAPANESE TAKE OVER KONGMOON CUSTOMS

Canton, To-day.

According to a Japanese official report, the Chinese Maritime Customs station at Kongmoon has been taken over by the Japanese authorities. — Reuter.

SWIFT REBUTTAL IN SAGRES INCIDENT

Sir, — With reference to Reuter's message appearing in the press this morning we would be glad if you could see your way to publish the following in this afternoon's issue of the "China Mail," in order to counter this wrongful statement—

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2. The vessel was not in any way employed by the Chinese Authorities for Military purposes. The vessel was engaged on her lawful occasions and was properly

Remarkable Arita Proposals

Tokyo, To-day.

A remarkable interview between Mr. Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and Mr. Joseph Grew, the American Ambassador, is reported to have followed the presentation of the American Note rejecting Japan's demands concerning the International Settlement.

The meeting took place preliminary to the departure for the United States of Mr. Grew, and Mr. Arita is credited with having put up some astonishing propositions.

Possible expansion of Japanese interests in the Far East, outside China, would not collide with American interests, he is reported to have declared, adding that "the Japanese plan for re-organisation of the Far East is not so narrow-minded and unreasonable as to hinder future development of American interests in China!

Mr. Arita declared, concerning America's rejection of the Japanese proposals concerning Shanghai that exchanges of Notes would do little to clarify questions concerning China at issue between the two States.

He was convinced, he said, that numerous problems could be solved in friendly manner by direct negotiations between the United States and Japan, if in-

cleared through the British Consul and the Chinese Maritime Customs at Swatow as is customary and Salt is a perfectly legitimate cargo.

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Britain's New Offer To Soviet

Paris, To-day.

IT is reported here that the British answer to the Soviet Russian Note, somewhat modified since the Halifax-Maisky conversations, was despatched to Moscow late yesterday afternoon.

It was expected to reach Moscow by midnight.

The reply is believed to be based upon the original French project of a guarantee of assistance by the Western Powers to Soviet Russia in the event of the Soviet being the victim of attack arising from Soviet aid given to the neighbouring States she is to guarantee under the British proposals.

The Soviet would, therefore, receive Anglo-French armed support if, owing to her guarantees (Continued on Page 28)

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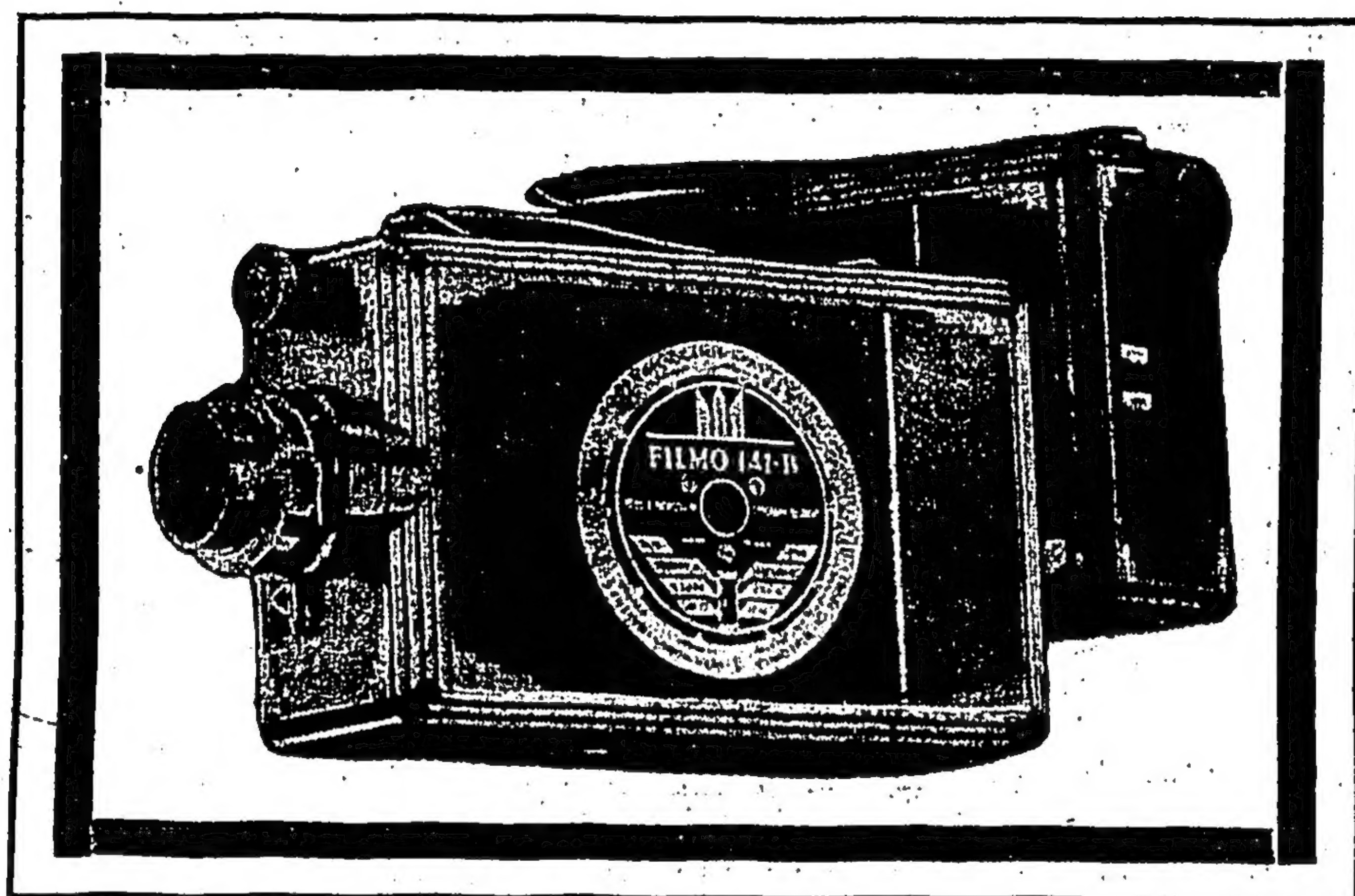
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Deep Shelter Veto Ignored

Council "Determined To Show Job Can Be Done"

Ratepayers May Have To Vote

Despite Sir John Anderson's rejection of Finsbury Town Council standard deep shelter scheme, the Council intends to go ahead.

"We are determined to build one shelter to show that the job can be done," Alderman H. Riley, chairman of the Finsbury A.R.P. Committee, said.

A special meeting of the Council will discuss the reasons for Sir John Anderson's rejection, and will hear reports from the Council's own experts.

A proposal may be submitted that a referendum of the ratepayers should be taken on the question.

Sir John Anderson's department has attempted a reasoned case for its refusal to allow deep shelters to be made. This is contained in the report of the Committee under Lord Hailey, now published as a White Paper.

On this report Sir John Anderson proposes to base his policy for the future.

"BASIS OF IGNORANCE"

Professor J. B. S. Haldane went carefully through the White Paper. Commenting on the rejection of a policy of deep shelters, he said: "The very first thing that emerges is the lack of information on the subject."

"In their own words, 'Our investigation has been hampered by the fact that in certain aspects of the subject knowledge is still far from complete.'"

"On the basis of their ignorance Lord Hailey's Committee proceeds to criticise the existing schemes. The Finsbury scheme is criticised because some people would be too far from the shelters, and because the entrances are too narrow to allow everyone to enter them in the time available."

TWELVE-FOOT TUNNELS

"The calculation for the time of entrance is based on rates of entrance to Tube stations and exit from football grounds. The exit from the football ground was divided by barriers into lanes six feet wide."

"It is obvious that people could move considerably faster in a road 20 feet wide, such as that proposed in the Finsbury scheme."

Professor Haldane turned to the criticism of tunnel shelters offered by the Committee. "The figure they give," he said, "is for circular tunnels 12 feet in diameter, which would doubtless be needed if the average Londoner was 10 feet high."

And he added. "Their main argument against shelters seems to be a doubt whether craftsmanship and material resources could not better be utilised on the improvement of active defence."

"This would be an absolutely valid argument if we had no unemployed and if aeroplanes were made of concrete."

The White Paper claims that the Anderson steel shelter "has been proved by actual experiment to give protection, certainly at a distance of 50 feet, and possibly at as little as 30 feet, against the splinters of a 500 pound high explosive bomb."

Professor Haldane stoutly contradicted this statement.

"I have seen shelters so placed that splinters can readily enter the door-way from 50 yards away," he said. "A report which contains statements of this character is clearly unreliable."

The White Paper puts the main reliance on strutted basements and steel shelters in gardens. "They say," Professor Haldane remarked, "that 'it is not by any means every basement that is suitable for the purpose in view,' and that 'alternative methods suited for application to such areas should be devised.'"

"In other words," said Professor Haldane, "for the most densely populated areas of our towns they do not know what should be done except that we must not have bomb-proof shelters."

Mr. Serge Lubetkin, designer of the Finsbury Plan, also criticised the White Paper.

Sir John Anderson's Committee make charges that the cost of deep shelter schemes has been seriously underestimated.

Mr. Lubetkin's reply was that one of the biggest contractors has given Mr. Lubetkin's firm a contract to construct a shelter according to the specifications of the Finsbury Scheme, at a price 10 per cent. lower than the Scheme had allowed for.

NEW SHELTER PLAN

The Air Raid Precautions Department stated they have evolved a new type of shelter made of bricks or concrete for use at houses, where the portable steel shelter is not suitable for service.

In provincial cities especially there are many thousands of houses with yards too small for the steel shelters.

The new brick or concrete shelters, which will be delivered free to those families whose income limit would entitle them to the ordinary steel shelter, will be ready almost at once, and specifications are being sent to local authorities.

They will, it is claimed, afford protection against splinters and blast. The scheme will in some cases necessitate the covering in of narrow streets.

BRITISH DIRECT TAXATION

London, To-day. According to figures given in a Commons answer, 62.5 per cent. of taxation proposed in the Finance Bill, final stage of which will be taken in the Commons next week, is direct.—British Wireless.

SPAIN'S VICTORY DISPLAY

Burgos, To-day. The two days of victory celebrations, officially marking the end of the Civil War, began yesterday in all Spanish provinces. The celebrations will culminate with General Franco's Madrid victory march to-day, in which 100,000 troops of the Nationalist forces will participate.—Reuter.

POLAND RESTATES CASE ABOUT DANZIG

WARSAW, TO-DAY.

THE POLISH VIEWPOINT IN THE DANZIG QUESTION IS ANALYSED AGAIN IN THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGAN "GAZETA POLSKA" IN AN ARTICLE REPLYING TO THE RECENT OUTBURSTS OF THE NAZI PROPAGANDA MINISTER, DR. JOSEPH GOEBBELS.

Anschluss of Danzig to the Reich without the consideration of all guarantees would be unacceptable to Poland.

The German demands and the Polish answer were clearly expressed in the speeches of Hitler and Col. Beck (the Polish Foreign Minister).

VALUE OF REICH GUARANTEES

The paper expresses scepticism of the value of German treaty guarantees. Although frontiers remain, it says, all guarantees cease sooner or later to exist.

Referring to Dr. Goebbels' statement that the atmosphere between Germany and Poland was charged, the paper says that if one takes into consideration the numerous German assurances that a conflict in Europe would benefit no-one, one must conclude that the present situation is temporary, and that an improvement of relations is not impossible.

The paper says the only possible permanent solution is one which respects equally both countries' frontiers.—Trans-Ocean.

RITTER VON EPP DECREES LONG MOURNING SPELL

Vienna, To-day.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the German colonial troops yesterday, General Ritter von Epp, leader of the Reich Colonial League, dedicated six banners.

Handing them over, General von Epp declared they would wear a wreath of mourning until the colonies were won back.—Reuter.

FOUR FOREIGN OWNED CHINESE PAPERS CLOSED

Shanghai, To-day.

The S.M.C. has cancelled the registration of two newspapers, the "Ta Mei Pao" and the Sino-American "Daily News."

Cancellation is not due to the journals having published a summary of General Chiang Kai-shek's speech nor to their failing to comply with the police request that reports of political speeches be submitted to the special branch before publication, but because of reports containing expressions the use of which at the present time is considered contrary to the interests of the preservation of law and order in the Settlement.

It is further stated that the British Consulate-General has advised the British-owned Chinese papers "Standard" and "New Digest," to cease publication.

It is recalled that the Japanese authorities have frequently requested the S.M.C. to take measures against anti-Japanese propaganda in Shanghai Chinese newspapers.—Trans-Ocean.

As its premises are located in the French Concession, the Ta Mei Pao, which is American-owned, has decided to appear as usual despite the cancellation of its registration by the S.M.C.—Central News.

GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS COMMUNIQUE

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

THE RESULT OF GERMANY'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BALTIC AND SCANDINAVIAN STATES IS ANNOUNCED IN A COMMUNIQUE, WHICH STATES THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ESTONIA AND LATVIA ARE ABOUT TO BE CONCLUDED.

In regard to Denmark, an agreement in principle for early conclusion of a mutual non-aggression pact has been reached.

The Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish Governments declared they do not feel themselves threatened by Germany, and do not consider any non-aggression pact necessary.—Reuter.

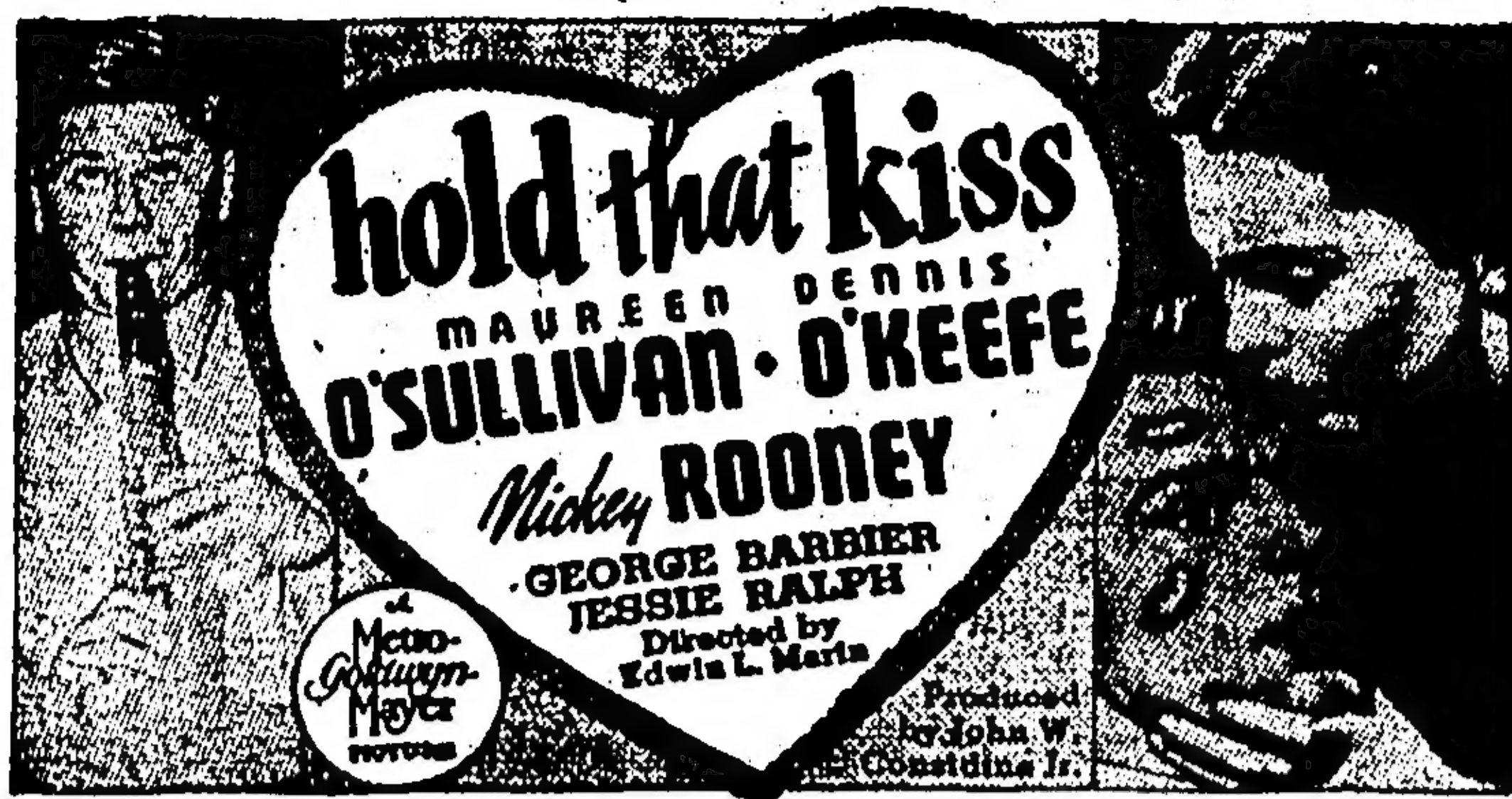
GREEK DEBT SETTLEMENT

London, To-day.

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Chief Economic Adviser to the British Government, who recently visited Bucharest to negotiate the Anglo-Rumanian Trade Agreement, is in Athens on his way home.

Mr. Butler stated at Commons question time that Sir Frederick would in the course of his discussion there, impress on the Greek Government, the importance His Majesty's Government attached to satisfactory settlement of the debt problem.—British Wireless.

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ACCUSED ALLEGES HE WAS FRAMED

THAT HE HAD BEEN FRAMED SO THAT A DISTRICT WATCHMAN COULD OBTAIN A REWARD FROM THE IMPORT AND EXPORT DEPARTMENT AND THAT HE WAS ARRESTED AT 10 P.M. AND NOT AT 12 MID-NIGHT AS ALLEGED, WAS THE STORY TOLD BY LAU FUNG-HING, CHARGED AT THE SESSIONS THIS MORNING BEFORE SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, WITH POSSESSION OF EIGHT OUNCES OF HEROIN POWDER, SUFFICIENT TO MAKE 100,000 PILLS, IN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL ON APRIL 12.

The accused was not represented; Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, prosecuted.

The jury was composed of Messrs. A. G. Gardner (foreman), Ho Kai-yuen, Chan Kan-tai, Ku Chi-shek, George Sun Yan-kit, N. A. Beltrao and Kwan Yun-chai.

Mr. Whyatt said that at about midnight on April 12 defendant was seen to alight from the first class compartment of a west bound tram by district watchman, Leung Kau, near Rumsey Street.

LONG COAT

Defendant was wearing a long Chinese coat and the watchman noticed something bulky round his waist. He approached with the intention of searching him but accused refused. The watchman informed him that if he refused to permit search he would be taken to the police station. A struggle ensued and accused was taken to a taxi where the struggle continued. A Chinese constable in plain clothes arrived and assisted the watchman to take accused to the Station.

On the way to the station, accused took a parcel from underneath his coat and tried to throw it out of the window but was prevented from doing so. The parcel was broken and the powder it contained, was spilt on the mat of the taxi and accused's clothing.

On arrival at the Police station the party went to the charge room where Inspector Armitt instructed that the mat and defendant's clothing, together with the parcel, be sealed for analysis.

In answer to the charge next day, accused said: "A friend threw the packet at me."

DENIES SUGGESTIONS

The district watchman bore out the facts as outlined by Crown Counsel.

Questioned by accused, he denied that two other men were present when someone picked up the parcel. He also denied taking accused to his home or to a carpenter's shop in Hillyer street when accused asked to be allowed to inform his wife and daughter.

Witness further denied that he had seen accused's daughter or that he had been told by the constable in the presence of accused that he had to say that the parcel had been taken from accused so that the reward could be obtained from the Revenue department.

In reply to Mr. Whyatt, witness stated that he had never seen accused before and did not search anyone in that district that night except accused.

ACCUSED'S REQUEST

Accused asked the Judge to note the time of his arrest as there were no west bound cars at that time.

Chan Kwok-lung, constable, said that shortly after midnight he saw two persons struggling near a

HEAVY RAIN THIS MORNING

NEARLY AN INCH OF RAIN, MOST OF IT IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING, FELL IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

Actual reading taken by the Royal Observatory was .89 of an inch, which brings the total this year to 25.86 inches, or 8.88 inches above average.

Maximum temperature yesterday was 86 degrees, the highest this Summer, minimum last night was 78 degrees. Temperature this morning was 81, with humidity 87 per cent.

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone covers the Pacific to the east of the Bonins. A shallow depression is moving east-north-eastward over the northern Loochoo Islands. A depression is stationary over Tongking and pressure is low over China generally.

Local forecast: South and South-west winds, moderate to fresh, squally, cloudy, showery.

ALLEGED THEFT OF NAVY STORES

Several of the officers of H.M.S. Folkestone appeared this morning at the Central Magistracy as spectators when Tsui Fai, 47, cook boy, and Chui Tim, 35, comprador, were charged with larceny and alternatively with receiving stolen property.

Mr. P. F. Brown, Master of Arms aboard H. M. S. Folkestone, appeared as complainant, while Det. Sergt. J. Headridge represented the police.

The two men are alleged to have stolen a quantity of stores from the ship's supplies yesterday while the ship was lying at No. 9 buoy.

Among supplies alleged to have been stolen were soap, canvas, forks, knives, spoons.

Second defendant is to be represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios. Both were remanded to Tuesday.

CYPRUS BISHOP FACES INCITEMENT CHARGES

London, To-day.

Bishop Paphos in Cyprus who has been entrusted with the administration of the Greek Orthodox Church in that island since the death of the Archbishop of Nicosia will shortly appear before the criminal court at Limassol on a charge of endangering public peace and order by inciting the Greek population of Cyprus to revolt. — Trans-Ocean.

CAR STOLEN

A \$1,500 motor-car, No. 1946, was stolen from the Salisbury Road Car Park between 9 a.m. and 12 noon yesterday.

The owner, Mr. Yung Sze-ming, of No. 5, Dorset Terrace, reported the theft to the Police but the car has not yet been traced.

taxi in Rumsey Street and assisted the D. W. to take accused to the Station. On the way, the car swerved and he saw white powder on the floor of the taxi and on accused's clothing.

In reply to accused, he said he did not see a parcel jammed between the door and framework of the taxi.

The case is proceeding.

IMPORTANT TALKS IN LONDON CONCERNING SOVIET PACT NEGOTIATIONS

London, To-day.

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, visited the Foreign Office for the second time at the invitation of the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax. Present at the meeting was the diplomatic adviser to the British Government, Sir Robert Vansittart.

During the meeting, M. Maisky was given to understand, according to the "Daily Telegraph," that the Soviet promise to assist Poland and Rumania in the event of unprovoked aggression, implies a British pledge of assistance to the Soviet.

The Soviet, says the paper, still fails to see why Britain is opposed to a three-power pact, and Russian circles in London are of opinion that Britain still refuses to recognise the principle of complete reciprocity.

FRENCH PLAN

The Paris correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reports that the French Government is exercising strong persuasion on the British Government in the hope of introducing the French compromise plan as the basis of conferences between Lord Halifax and French statesmen when they meet in Paris on Saturday.

CHAMBERLAIN PLAN

In Paris, Mr. Chamberlain is believed to be seeking a compromise in the Anglo-Soviet negotiations which might consist in a joint declaration of the British, French and Soviet Governments containing an assurance of mutual military assistance in the event of aggression, while avoiding a formal alliance.

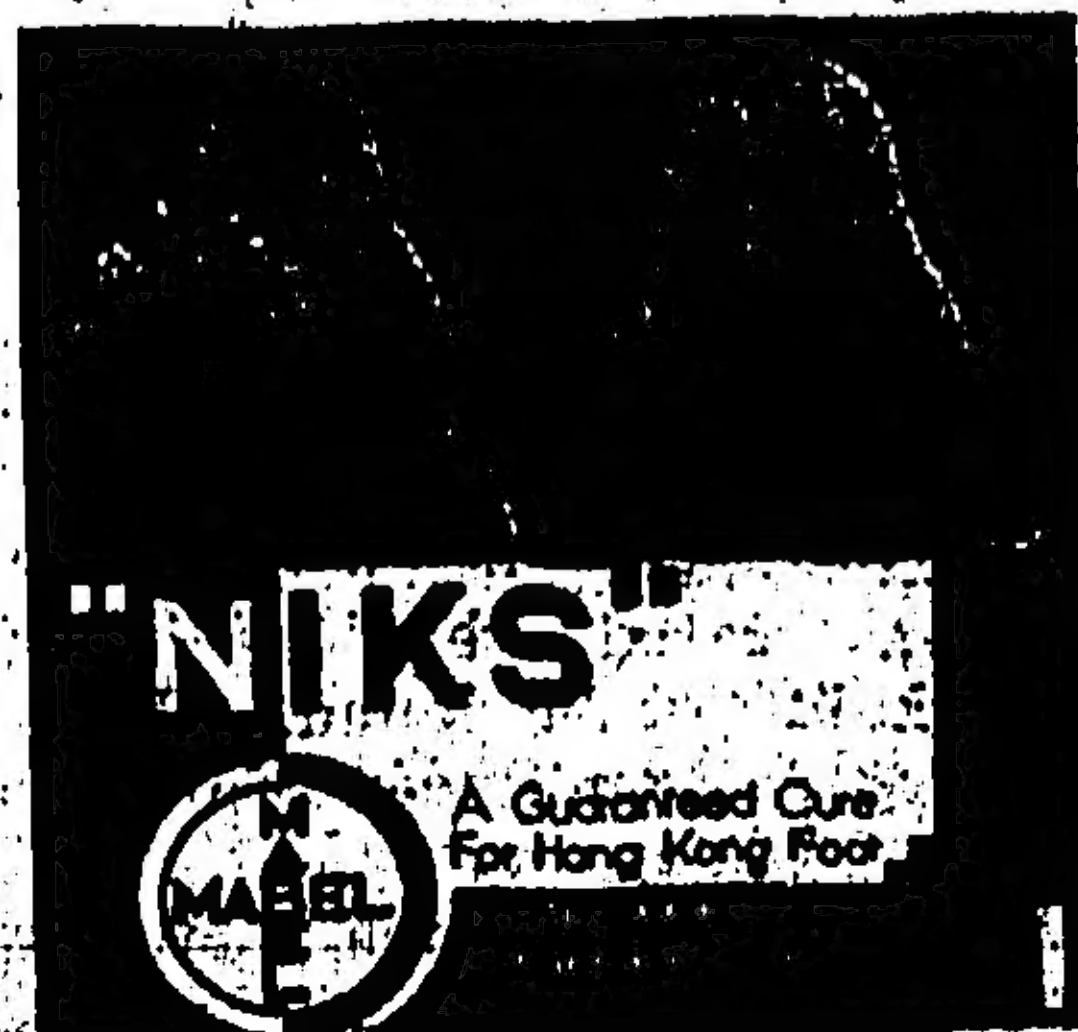
Importance is attached in the French capital to the conversations between M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador in London, and Sir Robert Vansittart and Lord Halifax yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

LORD HALIFAX'S PARIS VISIT

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, LORD HALIFAX, WILL ARRIVE IN PARIS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

He will immediately have conversations with the French Premier, M. Daladier, and Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, after which M. Daladier will entertain Lord Halifax at dinner.

Lord Halifax and M. Bonnet will leave Paris for Geneva by the same train at 9.30 on Saturday night.—Trans-Ocean.



Spanish Loan Rumour Scotched

London, To-day.

QUESTIONS were asked in the Commons yesterday about press reports regarding a loan to the Spanish Government.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer made the following statement in reply: "So far as I am aware it is not the case that the Spanish Government have expressed any desire to borrow from this country, and no approach on the matter has been made to the foreign transactions advisory committee."

"There is no probability owing to present conditions of it being found possible to issue foreign loans of any substantial amount in this market, and accordingly the question of giving consent to the raising of any loan by, or on behalf of the Spanish Government does not arise."

INAPPROPRIATE

"In these circumstances, on being consulted as to British financial institutions associating themselves with the enquiry into the financial and economic position of Spain, His Majesty's Government expressed view that this would be inappropriate for the reasons above stated, and no British financial institution has associated itself with the proposal."—British Wireless.

ITALO-RUMANIAN BARTER PLAN

ROME, TO-DAY.

A BARTER AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN ITALY AND RUMANIA.

Italy will purchase 80,000 tons of Rumanian cereals and 350,000 tons of petroleum, against Italian rayon textiles, motorcars and industrial machinery.

Italy has also offered Rumania assistance in connection with reconstruction of the Rumanian mercantile marine.—Reuter

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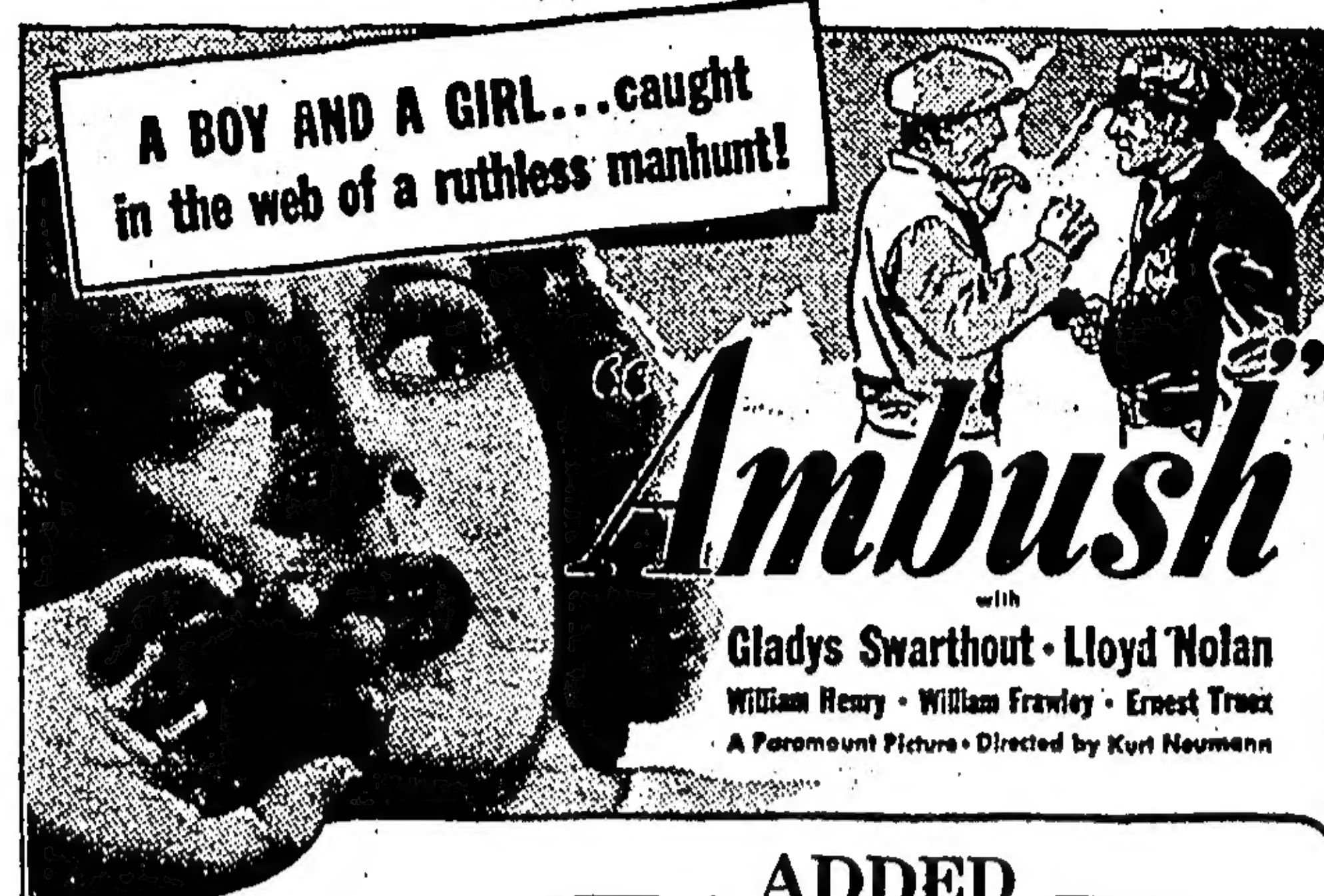
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JAIL FOR GODOWN THEFT

The case in which four employees of Kowloon Godowns were charged with stealing 110 felt hats or with receiving, was concluded this morning at Kowloon before Mr. E. Himsforth when two were convicted on the stealing charge.

Lau Yuen-hing, 28, sorting coolie, and Leung Fai, 17, godown boy, were fined \$15 or one month's hard labour and \$20 or one month respectively; and Lo Wai, 19, and Yip Kwan, 45, coolies, were discharged on the receiving charge.

In connection with the case, the master of a shop in Shanghai Street, Chan Man, was charged with receiving 18 hats. He was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, and the charge was withdrawn.

The 110 hats had been taken from nine bales, each containing 600, stored in No. 45 godown of the

CONVERSION CHARGES

A travelling trader, Lai Ping, 44, who this morning appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon, charged with fraudulent conversion of a quantity of goods, worth about \$2,000, was remanded till May 25, the date fixed for his hearing.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for defendant and pleaded not guilty and Mr. M. A. da Silva is for the prosecution.

It was alleged that the defendant converted to his own use or benefit or for the use or benefit of persons other than complainants the following goods:—268 piculs of preserved olives, 20 piculs of water chestnuts, 37 piculs of lam seeds and 17 piculs of ginger.

COMMONS MOTION

London, To-day.
Mr. Tom Williams, Labour M.P., moved a motion concerning the

NEW MAJOR RECOVERY DRIVE EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED BY ROOSEVELT

Washington, To-day.

Another sign of the Administration's intention to launch a new major recovery drive is seen in a statement yesterday by Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, advocating another public works programme.

Mr. Ickes said: "It is doubtful if there has been enough business recovery to warrant a reduction in Government spending, and since money will have to be spent for relief, it would be better expended for public works than otherwise."

The recovery drive, which is believed to have been designed with an eye to the 1940 elections, is also expected to emphasise aid for small business, chiefly by enactment of the Mead Bill, by which the Government will guarantee loans to small businessmen.

Mr. James Moffett, the oil executive and former Federal Housing Administrator, after a White House conference, stated he was prepared to organise a private mortgage association to supply \$200,000,000 or more in mortgage money for home and factory construction.

Mr. Moffett said he had received encouragement by President Roosevelt and was awaiting only Congressional approval of liberalising the Federal Housing Administration Act.—Reuter.

DANCING HALL BAN ON YOUTH

Appearing on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, Lau Ming, 21, who was charged with obtaining a radio set from a cabaret girl, Fung Man-ling, at No. 174, Wanchai Road, by false pretences, was ordered to sign a bond of \$50 to keep away from dancing halls for one year.

Defendant was also ordered to pay \$40 compensation to complainant, which was paid by his mother.

Detective Sergeant T. Cashman told the Court that there had been many complaints by cabaret girls about defendant, but no action was taken against him.

INDIAN DRIVER FINED

An Indian driver, Ayub Khan, of No. 62 Hennessy Road, was summoned before Mr. B. A. D. Forrest this morning, for failing to keep to the left in Island Road near Stanley on April 25.

Inspector Clarke said that the summons was issued on a complaint by Lt. Anderson, R.A.

Lt. Anderson was driving in Island Road at about 6.50 p.m., when defendant overtook another car, causing him to stop dead to avoid a collision.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Palestine White Paper, demanding that the proposals be submitted to the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League.—Trans-Ocean.

EARTHQUAKE HAVOC IN THE SOLOMON IS.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE COLONIAL OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC THAT AN EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED ON APRIL 30 IN THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE.

Main shock centre appears to have been on Guadalcanal Island, where a number of buildings have been wrecked.

The earthquake was followed by a tidal wave which swamped a number of native villages.

Considerable damage has also been done to buildings and wharves in the Cape Marsh district of Russell Islands, and to villages on Ysabel Island, near St. George's Island.

There has been some loss of life amongst the indigenous population. So far, it is known that there have been twelve deaths by drowning, including nine children.

CRACKS IN ISLAND

Earth cracks have appeared in the island of Savo, but there have been no casualties.

The local authorities report that the earth tremor was still continuing a day or two ago but is not serious and that necessary measures for relief of distress have been taken.—British Wireless.

INJURED MAN DISAPPEARS

Dr. M. Shimokawa, of Gloucester Building, was again before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, charged with failing to stop after a collision and with driving without due care and caution.

Mr. W. M. Brown pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant.

It was alleged that a Chinese was injured, when defendant's car handle caught the man's arm in Queen's Road Central near Jackson Road.

It was stated that the injured man could not be found. He was discharged from Queen Mary Hospital a few days ago.

The charges against defendant were withdrawn.

KULANGSU ACTION GIVES JAPAN A SHOCK

Tokyo Navy Office Unable To Understand Step

Diplomatic Discussions

Tokyo, To-day.

The determined action of Admiral Sir Percy Noble at Amoy, in collaboration with the American and French, has manifestly come as a shock and surprise in Japan.

Unanimously the Japanese newspapers, in leading articles discussing the landing of British, American and French forces on Kulangsu, describe the action as an anti-Japanese demonstration.

The Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sawada, had a long talk with the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, last evening concerning the new development, Japan's reply rejecting the British protest of May 16 having previously been communicated to the Ambassador.

The Note in Reply gave an assurance that "in the measure to which the tension in Kulangsu decreased, Japanese troops would gradually be withdrawn."

PUZZLED SURPRISE

The attitude of the press to-day, generally speaking, indicates a Japanese desire not to exaggerate the incident, but the "Asahi Shimbun" predicts that the joint landing will have "far-reaching consequences," while refraining from suggestions as to what those consequences may be.

The Japanese Admiralty is adopting an air of puzzled surprise at the seriousness attached in foreign quarters to the Japanese landing on Kulangsu.

It is recalled that Japanese troops landed on a previous occasion, and were on the island from May 27 to July 31, 1938, without arousing foreign protests.

Admiral Kanazawahi, the Navy spokesman, asserted troops had since been released. He declared that only ten "strong suspected" persons were still in custody. — Trans-Ocean.

PEAK THEFT

Burglars have got away with \$695 worth of jewellery, according to reports made by the victims to the Police.

Mr. W. J. Richards, residing at No. 175, The Peak, lost \$595 worth of jewellery between 1.30 p.m. on May 18 and 2 p.m. yesterday from his residence, and Mr. Lam Kwok-chiu, of Alexander Building reported that between Monday and yesterday, jewellery to the value of \$100 was stolen from his office.

AMBASSADOR ARRIVING BY STEAMER

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, who was expected to leave Chungking by air this morning, is not expected to arrive in Hong Kong until Monday next, the "China Mail" was informed from Government House this morning.

He is expected to fly to Hanoi and then embark on a steamer for the journey to Hong Kong.

CHINESE ADVANCE ON SUNWUI

Shiuhing, To-day.

The Chinese are rapidly advancing on Sunwui city. Other units are "mopping up" on the Hokshan-Sunwui highway.

As a result of a series of attacks, the Chinese from Fahsien, 25 miles north of Canton, have recaptured Sunkai, Wongtam, Lientong and Lungchow.

Another Chinese column forced its way to Kongtsun, 11 miles north of Canton, where they have damaged the railway rails, telegraph wires and telegraph wires.

A Chinese counter-offensive on Taipingchong and Shengkong, south of Tsungfa, is in progress. — Central News.

JAPANESE LOSSES IN HUPEH

Ichang, To-day.

The Japanese Third Division has suffered heavily during the fighting in north and central Hupeh. The Chinese are steadily pressing eastward on the Kingshan-Chungsiang highway and the Hankow-Ichang highway.

Chinese troops have meanwhile broken into Tienmen, 15 miles southwest of Tsao-shih.

The siege of Tienmen has been further tightened by the arrival of Chinese units from Yokow. — Central News.

ADMIRAL TO STAY

Local naval circles are without any further news from Amoy, the "China Mail" was informed this morning. Admiral Sir Percy Noble, the Commander-in-Chief, is still there on board H.M.S. Birmingham, and is expected to remain "until he is satisfied."

CONCHIES NOT TO BE IMPRISONED

London, To-day.

THE Military Training Bill was read a third time in the House of Commons yesterday and was passed by 337 votes to 130.

The Bill has been sent to the House of Lords, which will pass it through all stages next week.

Labour members cheered the Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, when he promised to introduce a new clause in the Bill to safeguard from imprisonment, conscientious objectors who, having lost their appeal to the tribunal, still persisted in disobeying military orders.

Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour, introduced a new clause by which conscientious objectors will do six months' work of national importance or enter training centres, receiving the same pay and allowances as militiamen.

This was agreed without a division.

A new clause was accepted by which British subjects abroad failing to answer the summons will be liable to punishment whenever they return to Britain. — Reuter.

America Gives A Capital Lead

London, To-day.

THE "Manchester Guardian," in a leading article on Kulangsu, says the crisis was staged by the Japanese to test the reaction of the Western Powers in regard to the greater matter of Shanghai.

Most encouraging feature has been the attitude of the United States Government, which was the first to protest and the first to instruct its Commander-in-Chief to land marines.

Throughout it has shown every readiness to co-operate with Britain and no desire to escape its commitments. It should encourage our own faint-hearted Government, which has been inclined to favour appeasement in the Far East, even after its failure in Europe.

ONLY RESULT

Yet the only result of this policy has been to stimulate a violent anti-British campaign both in Japan and the Japanese-controlled areas in China, based no doubt on the sound theory that one should attack the weakest point in the enemy's line.

If the United States is ready to co-operate in defence of common interests at Kulangsu, the assumption is that she will do so if necessary at Shanghai and elsewhere in the Far East.

This is a comforting thought which should dispel the many fears that an alliance with Russia might have adverse effects on Japanese policy. — Reuter.

Guerillas Keep It Up In North

Peiping, To-day.

Traffic on the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway has been resumed after constant interruption in the past several days by guerilla destruction between Kalgan and Kueihua.

An unconfirmed report from reliable sources states that some fighting has been going on in Jehol Province between 8th Route Army troops and the Japanese forces.

In central Hopei, increased guerilla strength is reported to have caused a general Japanese

withdrawal of the forces which advanced into guerilla territory in the early Spring.

A few isolated towns east of the Kihnan Railway are still held by the Japanese, but the area under Japanese control has not been extended. — Reuter.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



THE DAILY SHORT STORY

By Comparison

When Bill Douglas first saw the school teacher of Haley's Gap his mind immediately conjured pictures of all the unattractive, unsophisticated, stern-purposed backwoods girls he had ever heard about. Her name was Laura Norbert. She wore horn-rimmed glasses and cotton dresses and cotton stockings. Her hair was an off shade of yellow and her eyes were a faded blue.

Bill decided she wasn't going to make any more interesting the two months he expected to have to spend surveying for the new dam.

Before a week had passed he changed his mind. Except for the dozen children who had attended Laura's school, she was the only one of the community's citizens who could read and write. More, she had had contact with the outside world and could talk Bill's language.

After the first two weeks of his stay in the valley, Bill craved the companionship of someone who could talk his language more than anything else. When you've lived in cities all your life and have a degree from one of the largest universities in the country, you're pretty helpless (and miserable)

After that Bill sought Laura Norbert's company more than ever. He found that being with her had a satisfying effect after a day alone in the valley bottom. It also helped him to forget a certain dark-eyed, dark-haired girl named Karen Edwards who lived in a big house back in Memphis and who was very gracious and lovely.

Presently, without realising it, Bill Douglas found himself thinking of Laura Norbert in a very serious manner. He found himself thinking what a fine wife she's make, of her admirable qualities, her strength of character. He saw things that he hadn't noticed before, and the things that he saw made the little school teacher beautiful.

So Bill, realising that he'd be a fool to pass up such a good thing, asked Laura Norbert to marry him. She looked at him, smiling a little, searching his eyes.

"Are you quite sure you love me, Bill?"

"I was never more sure of anything in my life," he told her soberly.

Bill prolonged his surveying job until Laura's school term ended. Then

By Barbara Ann Benedict

socially speaking when thrown into contact with a bunch of people who thought you were calling them names if you referred to Shakespeare.

So Bill, first in defence and then with a certain keen enjoyment, cultivated Laura Norbert and was grateful for her understanding and companionship.

The third week after he had moved into the Gap he asked Laura Norbert to go to the dance with him at Ike Selby's Tavern. They got there at 7.30. At 8 o'clock the first fight started, but was quickly stopped because the evening was young and no one was yet drunk enough to thoroughly enjoy it. At 9.30 Nate Palmer and Orion Niles, ancient enemies, met near the door and instantly leaped at each other's throats. This battle lasted twenty minutes and was enjoyed by all. At 10.15 Bill was thanking his stars he had learned something of boxing, because a big red-nosed chap from down the valley, uproariously drunk, demanded to dance with Laura and Bill had to defend her honour. He knocked red-nose cold in thirty seconds, then grabbed Laura by the hand and hauled her outside.

"Let's go home," he said. They walked up the hill toward the shack where Laura lived. "What I can't understand is why you stay here."

"I was born here," Laura told him quietly.

"So what? So are you going to bury yourself the rest of your life among a lot of ignorant hill billies who don't even want to know anything better?"

"I know how you feel about them, Bill. I felt the same way. That's why I went outside and educated myself and then came back. No one else cared or had the courage."

They had stopped on the brow of the hill. Moonlight flooded the girl's face. He could see her eyes quite clearly. He could see her eyes quite clearly. He could see her eyes quite clearly.

they went to Memphis, and Bill installed his bride-to-be with some friends. That night some former pals dropped in to see him, and they told him they were planning a party for the next night. They wanted him to come, and they wanted him to bring Laura, and he promised.

So when the next night came Bill took Laura to the party, and the minute he stepped inside the door he began to feel uneasy. At first he thought it was because these gay, gracious people, the bright gowns and the soft lights and everything else had too long had no part in his life. Then suddenly he knew that it was Laura. She was different. She was so much more different than he had ever dreamed she could be. She did not belong here. He saw again her unattractiveness, the coarse lines of her face that bespoke the country woman, her awkwardness her shyness. He knew in one horrible moment what a fool he'd been. He had been blinded, blinded by the lack of comparison. That was it. Back in Haley's Gap he had had no one to compare her with and she had seemed beautiful.

Then Karen Edwards came in, all softness and loveliness and beauty, and Bill felt wretched.

Someone touched him on the arm. It was Laura and she wanted him to come outside. There was a moon and the moon fell across her face.

"Bill, it's no use. I thought I loved you, but I don't. I can see that now. My work comes first. I wouldn't be happy unless I could continue, and you wouldn't like that."

Bill swallowed. He tried to think of something to say, and couldn't. So he merely patted her hand and looked away, feeling grateful and relieved and happy. He did not look into her eyes, again, so failed to see the tears that glistened there.

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SCORES INJURED IN PALESTINE RIOTS

Jews Attempt To Storm Commissioner's Office

BATON CHARGE: TROOPS CALLED IN

Jerusalem, To-day.

After those taking part in processions yesterday morning had disbanded, irresponsible Jewish elements staged a hostile demonstration outside the offices of the District Commissioner. Police in full riot kit were ordered out. The crowd shook their fists and threw stones at the police, who were wearing steel helmets and carrying shields.

Three Jews were slightly injured by batons in the ensuing scuffle.

A crowd of several thousands later gathered outside the offices of the District Commissioner and vainly tried to force an entry.

After a number of windows had been broken, steel-helmeted police made a number of baton charges. Ten police and 85 demonstrators were injured.

A man in the crowd fired an automatic pistol, wounding two policemen, one very seriously.

BLACK WATCH OUT

An official of the Czecho-Slovak Consulate, who was driving a car, was attacked with sticks and stones and severely injured.

Reinforcements of police with rifles hurried to the scene and men of the Black Watch were later called out ready to meet any worsening of the situation.—Reuter.

PROTESTS FORESEEN

Jerusalem, To-day.

There were Jewish demonstrations against the White Paper in Jerusalem yesterday, but the Colonial Secretary was able to tell the Commons that he had heard from the High Commissioner that the situation throughout Palestine was generally quiet.

Protests which have occurred were fully foreseen by the British Government.

The White Paper contained the remark "His Majesty's Government cannot hope to satisfy the partisans of one party or the other in such a controversy as the mandate has aroused." In these circumstances, and in view of the recent improvement of conditions in Palestine in respect of law and order, it would have been easier for the Government to leave the questions in suspense.

CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT

The Government were convinced, however, that only by removal of the uncertainty which has contributed in the past to unrest, could a

situation be created which might lead to recognition by all parties and factions concerned of their common responsibility to co-operate together and with the mandatory power to bring back peace to the country and to make possible a constructive effort upon which the happiness and prosperity of both great peoples in Palestine depend.—British Wireless.

ALL CINEMAS CLOSED

Jerusalem, To-day.

In Jerusalem, demonstrations by the Jews as a protest against the British White Paper proposals, continued until dusk and in some places, were accompanied by scenes of disorder.

In Haifa, shots were fired at a bus, wounding two Jewish occupants. All cinemas and places of entertainment throughout the country have been closed. A 24-hour protest strike has been ordered by the Jewish leaders.

In the meanwhile, Arab spokesmen are making no attempt to conceal their disappointment over what they deem to be the failure of the British Government to find a practical solution particularly in the matter of land purchases.

The White Paper is also attacked because it speaks of the creation of a Palestinian instead of an Arabian State.—Trans-Ocean.

IN SOUTH AFRICA ALSO

Capetown, To-day.

At a public meeting in Bloemfontein yesterday, the Jews of South Africa announced that they would fight the new Palestine plan proposed by the British Govern-

ARABS TO REJECT

Beirut, To-day.

The Arab High Committee, meeting yesterday under the chairmanship of the Grand Mufti, is believed to have decided to reject the White Paper proposals.

No answer is likely, however, for a few days.—Trans-Ocean.

ment.

The President of the Zionist Union, Kirschner, declared that South-African Jews would fight the British proposals with all their might and said that this challenge should resound in every land as the united answer of the Jewish people through the world, and reach the Jews of Palestine itself as an expression of the indissoluble solidarity of the Jewish people.

The assembly carried a motion unanimously rejecting the proposals of the British "White Paper." —Trans-Ocean.

EGYPT UNABLE TO SUPPORT BRITISH PLAN

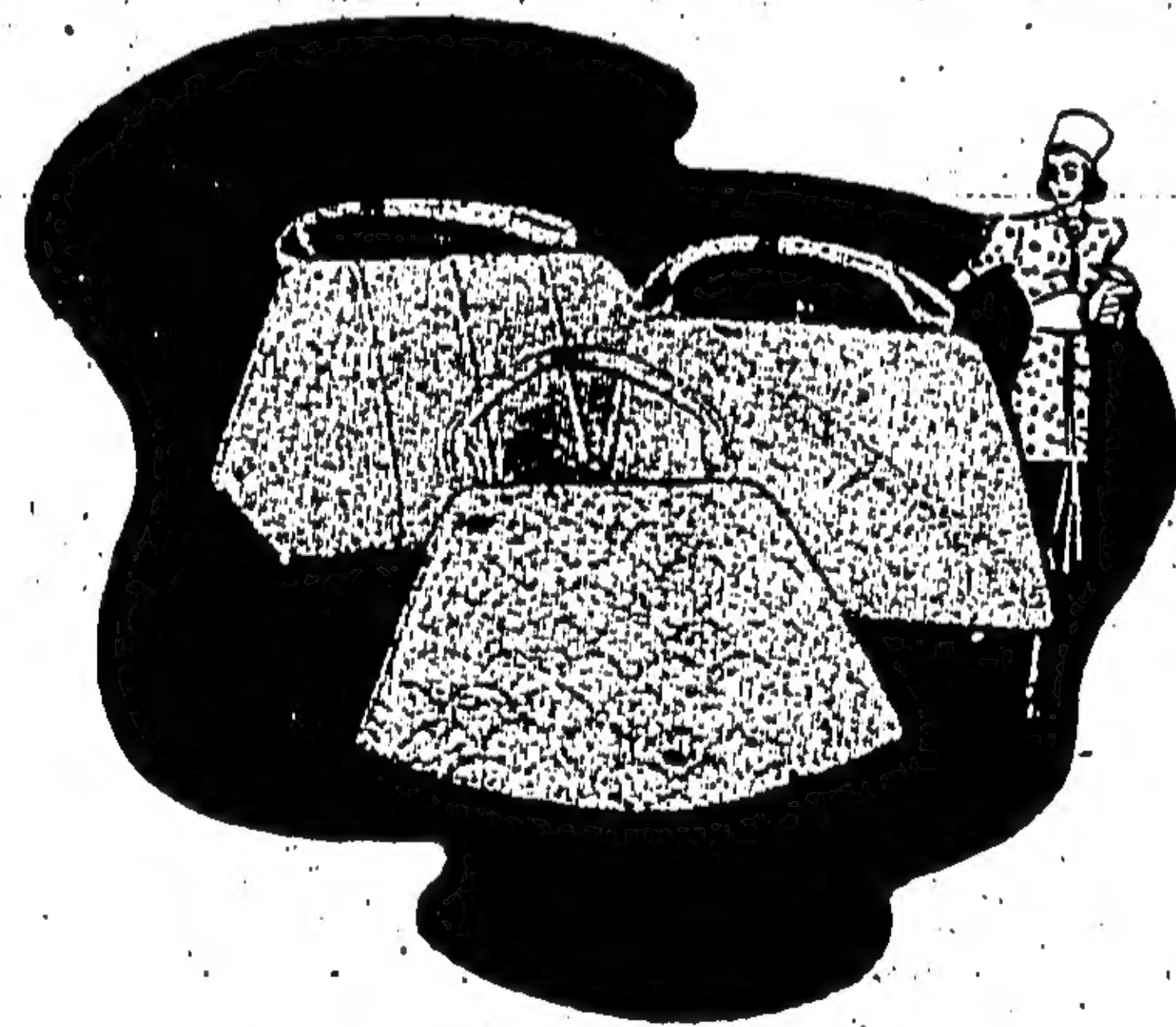
Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Government has officially informed the British Government that it is unable to recommend the Arabs in Palestine to accept the White Paper.

Egypt thus comes into line in her disapproval of the British plan with Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

An Arab newspaper here says that the British Government is not clever in weaving its policy. The ultimate object seems to be the colonisation of Palestine with Jews.—Reuter.

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"There is no duty, Sir, on hangovers obtained abroad."

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ENCIRCLEMENT?

Diplomatic currency is rarely to be accepted at face value. Nevertheless, denial of British intention to encircle Germany—such as has been made by the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax—deserves to be taken seriously.

The alliance forming under Anglo-French sponsorship is obviously a defensive one. It cannot fairly be termed interference by those countries in the natural relations of Germany with eastern Europe. It does not force Anglo-French protection on smaller European states. It offers this protection if, when and as asked by those states. It does, of course, counter proffers of protection from quarters which accompany these proffers with veiled ultimatums.

In this light, charges of "encirclement" call for discriminating attention. They have a kind of effectiveness which is important outside as well as inside Germany. If the German people can be convinced that they are being encircled, throttled up, the post-Versailles bitterness on which in part the German people were unified, can be re-exploited to help prepare them for the risk of another war.

But such a programme of persuasion inside Germany might still be of less importance than the implications of German belief in encirclement can be in those smaller states which border Germany. For the leaders of these countries must estimate not only German power as they weigh the question of joining the defensive bloc; they must also gauge the pressure of German desperation.

A Germany convinced of encirclement might be a more dangerous neighbour than a Germany intent on expansion—because as German leaders have remarked in the past when expansionist steps were delayed, it is possible to be patient while obstacles are removed. But if a process of encirclement is under way a nation obviously may feel it necessary to strike in time to prevent its completion.

Whether or not smaller states agree with the German position, they must figure on the possibility that German leaders may

act on it. Thus part of the policy of the defensive alliance will have to be directed toward removing German apprehension as to what will follow if Germany and Italy help to lessen the present tension—a tension which so far has brought the "Axis" considerable political profit. President Roosevelt has said that encirclement is something that cannot happen to a peaceful Power, but the case seems rather to be that real encirclement of the Rome-Berlin Powers cannot be said to have begun until the threat of their policies to the independence of other nations has been removed.

If the democracies win this "peace," as Germany won the "peace of Munich," they will have to press quickly against common enemies of all nations. Political distrust and economic dislocation must be corrected before these again disrupt the work of true appeasement. To win this peace, nations must win one another's confidence—on the one hand, confidence in the desire of each to reach fair adjustments by peaceful methods; on the other, confidence in the determination of all to base peace on justice for small and large alike.

Gibraltar

An exasperating aspect of British history, from a non-British point of view, is the indistinct relation in it between cause and effect. How could any military leader, for example, aspire to a victory over the British, as at Waterloo, when the battle even before it commenced had already been won on the playing fields of Eton? This reputedly was Wellington's explanation of his triumph.

Recently another illustration has loomed like Gibraltar over an uncertain sea of events. In fact, it is Gibraltar. Britain has been strengthening forces on that Pillar of Hercules because of increasing international tension. This makes headlines. But when Gibraltar was added to the symbols of British might, it is safe to say that few, if any, people in Britain were thinking about it.

It happened in the War of the Spanish Succession. Britain appears to have been less interested in acquiring territory at the moment than in supporting an Austrian claimant to the Spanish throne against a French claimant. Balance of power was on the British mind. But in the thought of the commander of the British fleet in Spanish waters was the fact that the Spanish mainland presented too much risk to an attacker, and that, since he did not wish to return to England without doing something first, he had better have a try at Gibraltar.

Unprepared for the attack, the Spanish lost "the Rock" in 1704. Afterward, both countries fought for it, and also offered terms for its return: Britain refused a cash offer from Spain; Spain refused British offers to exchange it for Florida and later for Minorca. Gibraltar is still British.

Whether or not it has lost much of its military importance is a question even strategists do not attempt to answer. The development of long-range guns, of submarines, of airplanes has modified Gibraltar's impregnability. But to what extent no one can say short of trial. Whether the trial comes will depend rather on the strength of British policy than on the strength of Gibraltar itself.

SECRET SHANGHAI MOBILISATION

Dramatic Move To Suppress Terrorism

Shanghai, To-day.

Every available man from the armies, navies, police forces and volunteers of the International Settlement and French Concession were mobilised secretly during the night and began at 6 o'clock this morning what is described as the biggest comb-out ever staged in the French Concession.

At zero hour, barricades which had been carefully arranged appeared suddenly at almost all street corners, at least three-quarters of streets in the Concession being closed altogether.

On the borders of the Concession and Settlement, the international forces also erected barricades, while police, volunteers and military searched all entrants to the Settlement from the Concession.

All but the most important roads leading from the Concession to the Settlement were barricaded completely.

Inside the Concession parties of troops, police and volunteers in batches, mostly of four men each, patrolled the streets questioning and examining all passers-by and systematically entering and searching almost every Chinese house.

THE OBJECTIVE

It is understood the comb-out aims at apprehending political and terroristic factions within the Concession.

The strictest secrecy was preserved concerning the comb-out so that none of the elements which to-day it is hoped will be run to ground should learn of the Concession authorities' intentions and remove themselves from their normal refuges inside the Concession to the Settlement or other place of escape.

Officers commanding police and troops were only given orders at 8 o'clock last evening, and they did not tell their men until they had them awakened this morning.

SPECIAL COURIER

French volunteers received their summonses to mobilise by special couriers, who called at their residences between 9 p.m. and midnight.

Settlement volunteers were summoned by phone only at 5 o'clock this morning.

So far no incidents have been reported nor has news of any arrests been officially released for publication.—Reuter.

SECRET WELL KEPT

Shanghai, To-day.

A good example of how well the secret of to-day's operations was kept is afforded by the morning newspapers.

Most journals had an inkling of the mobilisation but none carried the correct reasons for it.

One organ said that searches were to be made in the Settlement, another that mobilisation was to

Timor Flood Disaster

Kupang (Timor),
To-day.

HUNDREDS of natives are reported to have perished in floods which devastated many parts of Timor.

Many cattle were drowned and the crops have been entirely destroyed.

Damage is estimated at 2,000,000 guilders.

Timor is an island in the Malay Archipelago, a portion of which is Portuguese and the remainder Dutch.

Kupang is the capital of the Dutch section of the island.—Reuter.

GIRL DROWNED IN TELEGRAPH BAY

A 16-year-old Chinese girl, Tong Pui-lin, was drowned at Telegraph Bay yesterday at 2.30 p.m.

Her companion, Wu Man-ching, was attracted by cries for assistance. He looked round and saw that the girl appeared to be in difficulty.

However, before he could reach her, she disappeared under the water and has not been seen since.

be a demonstration warning the Japanese against action in Shanghai, while a third said it was a mere demonstration against terrorists in the Settlement.—Reuter.

FOR BIGGER AND BETTER NAVY

Washington, To-day.
The Senate yesterday passed the \$773,000,000 Naval Appropriation Bill, which has already been passed by the House of Representatives.

The Bill includes funds to start construction of two battleships of 45,000 tons, 31 other warships and 500 planes.—Reuter.

MARINE INSURANCE RATES CHANGED

London, To-day.

The rating committee of the Institute of London Underwriters has made alterations in the current schedule of rates applicable to vessels sailing on and after May 19 including

Voyages in the area Siam, India, Netherlands East Indies, Malaya, Burma and British Borneo, and including voyages between the

German Arms Sales To China

London, To-day.

SIR J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Conservative, Kidderminster) asked in the House of Commons yesterday for information regarding the sale of munitions to China by Germany and Italy.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, gave a written reply.

He declared that arms and munitions imported by the Chinese Government did not all pass through British territory, but of those which have, war material of German origin exceeded in quantity that of any other country, since the opening of hostilities.—Reuter.

Straits and Indo-China, not north of Saigon, 2/6d per cent.—Reuter.

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MAGNIFICENT WELCOME OF KING AND QUEEN

Three Rivers (Quebec Province), To-day.
The King and Queen travelled from Quebec to Three Rivers on a single track line through farmlands and past wayside stations, where clusters of rural folk gathered to cheer them. At Three Rivers, the mayor of the city, together with councillors and their wives, assembled early for the honour of being presented to Their Majesties. Seventy-five thousand millworkers, school children and other residents cheered vociferously from the station approaches.

After presentations, the Royal blue and silver train passed through areas that marked some of the first settlements in Canada. At Montreal station huge crowds gave Their Majesties a welcome worthy of Canada's biggest city.

Enthusiasm was maintained by thousands that thronged the 25-mile route along which the King and Queen drove in an open car past the harbour, the old military fortifications and St. Helen's Islands, and a picturesque contribution came from a gathering of Red Indians, who greeted the Royal visitors with their old war cries. — British Wireless.

24-MILE DRIVE

After a brief reception ceremony Their Majesties drove to the city in an open car.

Their Majesties had one of the most striking receptions of their reign during the 24-mile drive through the city.

The whole route was lavishly decorated and beflagged and the streets were lined with a crowd of between one and two million people.

The police estimate that 1,250,000 people entered the city overnight.

MONTREAL STADIUM

After driving through the French suburb, Their Majesties entered the great Montreal Stadium, where 85,000 French-speaking children cheered themselves hoarse.

As the Royal cars circled the Stadium they received another hearty welcome from 15,000 English-speaking children.

Culminating event in the visit to Montreal was a city banquet at the Windsor Hotel, at which instead of speeches, a programme of old French-Canadian songs was arranged. — Reuter.

BRILLIANT SUNSHINE

Quebec, To-day.

An enthusiastic reception was accorded the King and Queen throughout the length of their journey from Quebec to Montreal, where they arrived early yesterday afternoon.

Brilliant sunshine prevailed throughout the day as the Royal

CHILDREN'S FAIR POSTPONED

The Children's Fair, arranged to take place on the ground near the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow afternoon, has been postponed owing to predictions of showery weather.

The Fair, which is being organised on behalf of Refugee Orphans, will held next Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m.

COMPLETE CONSCRIPTION IN JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese Welfare Ministry has decided to implement Article 4 of the National General Mobilisation Law, providing for the conscription of labour for enterprises essential to national mobilisation, according to the "Asahi Shimbun," which expects the necessary Imperial Ordinance to be promulgated by the end of June.

According to the "Chugai Shogyo," leading financial daily, the proposed Ordinance will aim at the mobilisation of a minimum of 5,000,000 persons between the ages of 16 and 17 years. When placed in mobilisation enterprises under Government control, they will be paid the wages they received before they were drafted.

Administration of the measure will be placed under the Welfare Ministry. — Reuter.

PROTEST BY U.S. ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE AMERICAN ZIONISTS TO MR. CORDELL HULL, PROTESTING AGAINST THE BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR PALESTINE.

It is not expected, however, that the American Government will take any official action in connection with the plan.

At to-day's press conference, Mr. Hull recalled his official statement on October 14 last, in which the Government made no demands beyond request for intimation beforehand of any intention to alter the Palestine mandate so that it could be established whether American rights were affected.

It is, therefore, presumed, that the American Government was fully acquainted with the proposals before they were generally released.

It is concluded that the United States will confine itself to protection of the rights of American Jews in Palestine and watching that they are left free to practice their religious faith. — Trans-Ocean.

POLITICAL AIM OF KING'S VISIT TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE SOLE POLITICAL PURPOSE OF THE VISIT OF THEIR MAJESTIES TO THE UNITED STATES IS TO "IMPROVE THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH YOUR COUNTRY," DECLARED THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, SIR RONALD LINDSAY, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

The Ambassador added: "The visit was not to the fore in the minds of Their Majesties when the visit to Canada was first arranged, but its extension to the United States was one of the most natural things in the world.

"Purpose of the visit is not primarily political, although it is perfectly obvious that when the King visits a foreign country, his purpose is to improve the ties of friendship as far as he possibly can." — Reuter.

DENMARK AND GERMAN OFFER

Copenhagen, To-day.

It is authoritatively stated here that although Denmark alone replied affirmatively to Germany's proposal to conclude a non-aggression pact whereas Sweden, Norway, and Finland sent negative answers, nevertheless the Foreign Ministers of all four countries at the Stockholm conference unanimously agreed on the policy to be pursued.

It is felt that a German-Danish pact would complete the treaty of arbitration existing between Berlin and Copenhagen since 1926 and place Denmark's relations with Germany on the same basis as her relations with other Powers. — Trans-Ocean.

GOVERNMENT TO GO AHEAD

London, To-day.

According to the "Evening Standard," the British Government is determined to ignore the opposition of the Arabs and international Jewry and to adhere to its plan.

The view prevails that the Arab objections are less violent than the Jewish. In political circles it was stated that the action of the Jews in Palestine had made a very bad impression, it being pointed out that in all incidents resulting in bloodshed reported during the last 24 hours, Arabs did not participate. — Trans-Ocean.

GLIDER FEAT

Munich, To-day.

A remarkable glider achievement by Peter Gloeckner was recorded yesterday over Prien Aerodrome when he carried his glider to an altitude of 9,200 metres, easily a world record. — Trans-Ocean.

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G.O.C.'S CAR IN ACCIDENT

H.E. the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasset was in a motor accident recently.

As a sequel, Chan Oi-wan, driver of motor car No. 5780, was summoned for driving without due car and caution, at the junction of Chater Road and Jackson Road.

Defendant drove along Chater Road, and collided with the G.O.C.'s car, No. 5601, causing damage to the extent of \$103.

Defendant was fined \$30.

Mrs. S. E. W. Pearce, of No. 128 Kennedy Road, was to-day fined \$4 for parking overtime in Pedder Street.

CHARGE FAILS

Yung Kam, 21, motor driver, was discharged by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, when he was charged with trespassing at Stanley Fort, on Wednesday.

The Court was satisfied that defendant was sent for by an officer of the Fort.

News Snack Bar

CLOTHES MADE FROM SKIM-MILK

Clothes from skim milk, food from whey, houses from straw, are just a few of the shapes of things to come very soon, according to America's Chemical Society.

Skim milk dresses are no dream. Already department stores in large American and German cities are displaying them.



THE BAL TABARIN REVUE AT THE CASINO. The Bal Tabarin Revue reopened the London Casino. Photo shows a typical "savage" in the revue.

GIRL'S DARING SHOCKS CITY

Passers-by angrily protested when dancer Faith Bacon, liberally interpreting the World's Fair Spirit of Freedom, walked down crowded Park-avenue leading a fawn on string.

Faith, who was in white panties and a cloak of muslin, looked semi-nude. Police took her to the station for questioning.

Reformers also protested—but in vain—as New York completed plans to become the wildest, naughtiest, craziest city in the world.

"THE LID'S RIGHT OFF"

Hundreds of strip-tease dancers and other entertainers are converging on the city in scores. New night clubs are opening. Bands from all parts of the country are rehearsing hysterical swing numbers.

New York has become a spree of unrestricted entertainment twenty-four hours a day.

"The lid's right off" is how New Yorkers describe the season.

Coney Island will have baseball teams of glamour girls.

The World's Fair will have a huge aquarium containing semi-nude "mermaids."

Entertainers will strip-tease in all parts of the city, including ice and roller skating rinks.

Two U. S. Government scientists, who have been awarded the first American patent on casein fibre, told the society's conference that it was inexpensive and could be used in mixture with wool, making fabrics containing wool more widely available to people with low incomes.

The United States has a potential annual supply of skimmed milk equal to 1,000,000lb. supply of casein fibre, which is more than half the world production of rayon and twice the annual consumption of wool in the United States.

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FIVE STAGES—IN SLEEPING

Going to sleep is a business of five stages, Dr. Joshua Rosett, of Columbia University, New York. In the first stage, he said, the mind becomes active, and particular happenings of the day are experienced again. Then come imagery, hallucination, and startling movements before you achieve complete relaxation.

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WANTS MORE STAMP SLOGANS

Mr. Hall Caine is to ask the Postmaster-General in the Commons if he will extend the slogan stamp idea (as is the custom all over the Empire) to call attention to national needs such as "Have You Got Your Gas Mask?" "Join the Territorials," "National Service," "It's Up To You," etc.



These girls at Margate don't need any telling when they have to "jump to it".



A charming picture presented by kiddies in the procession held at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon, in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

DESERTS OF DEBT

"Wife, don't get into debt if you want to keep your husband from deserting."

This is the advice given to women by the Women and Children's Protection Society, which will soon complete a century of work.

An official of society said: "Although we exist to advise and help women, many of our clients are men, who bring us books showing how their wives have run into debt."

"On the other hand some of these books reveal that much of their debt has been incurred because wives have bought clothes for their husbands."

"Debt is one of the surest ways of driving husbands from home."

BAN ON LUXURIES TO HELP DEFENCE DRIVE

A ban on the purchase of luxuries in order that the money saved might be devoted to building up our national defences? . . . That is the question asked in the new Westminster Bank Review.

The national outlay of the United Kingdom was £3,493,000,000 on goods and services in 1932. Of this about forty per cent. was on non-essentials. At present this figure might approach fifty per cent.

The big items of definitely luxury expenditure in 1932 were drink, tobacco and domestic service. Expenditure on cars and cycles was smaller than expected, and so was that for entertainment and betting.

The argument is that if the ban took place there would also be unemployment of capital, and factory plant would be thrown on the market at a cheap price for Government contracts.

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LORD BURGHLEY—'IMPS' NOMINATED

Lord Burghley, M.P., one-time Olympic hurdler, is to be nominated as president of the Junior Imperial League. Lord Burghley has held the office of chairman for four years.

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£12,600,000 GOES TO AMERICA

Gold worth £12,600,000 left Southampton for America. The United States liner Manhattan carried £9,000,000, and the French liner Champlain £3,600,000.

WANTS THREE-COLOUR MICE

Experimenting in a small wooden shed in his back garden is a man who for twenty years has tried to produce a three-coloured mouse of black, white and tan. He has reared more than 10,000 mice, but so far never one in these three colours.

Mr. Boot, of Hunstone-avenue, Sheffield, never tires of experimenting. The thought that he would be the first person ever to breed a three-coloured mouse spurs him on.

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WHEN ROMANCE GOES BANKRUPT

Owing to every court—including the two-wooden structures in the quadrangle—being occupied by Judges at the Law Courts Mr. Justice Hodson held a Divorce Court in the Bankruptcy building in Carey-street. He had twenty-five undefended cases in his list.

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SOLDIER KILLED BY TIGER

Private H. Gallagher, of 2nd South Lancashire Regiment, died in the Military Hospital, Bombay, from injuries while hunting. While Gallagher, with three companions, was out shooting, a tiger pounced on the men and Gallagher was fatally injured.



WOOLLEN WEAR FOR THE BEACH. A show of All-English Wool Beachwear and Trousers was held at Bush House, London, in connection with the Wool Development scheme of the International Wool Secretariat. Photo shows shorts and jumper, and long trousers and long cape, contrasted during the show. Of course you don't have to wear them!

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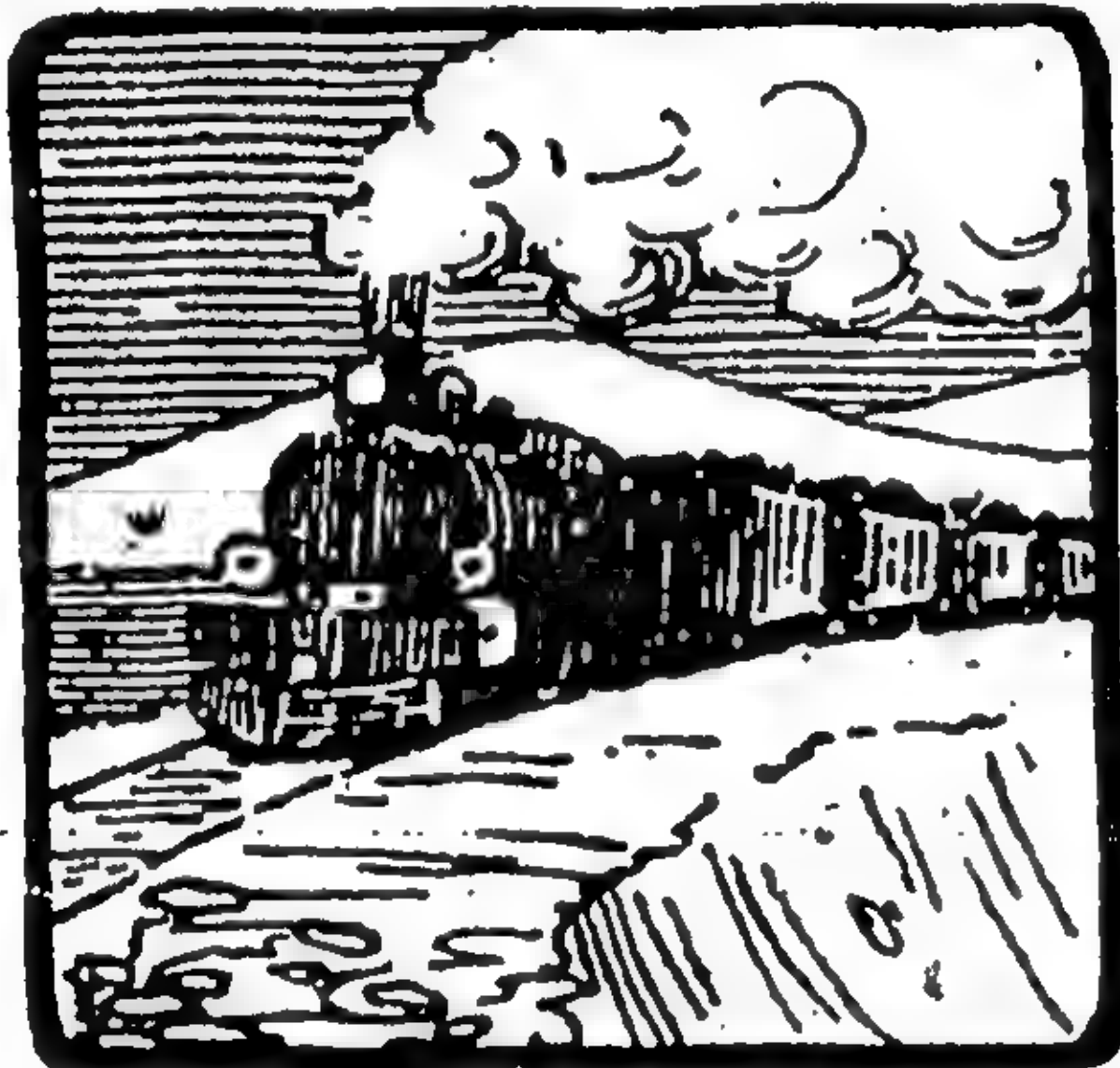
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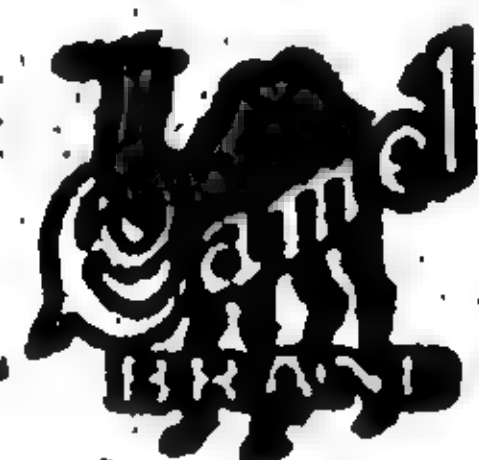
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The last of the Mohicans has fallen, the last of those of the old guard which the former regime had sent on to Stalin. This is the end of the Jewish domination in Russia. Apart from the People's Commissary Kaganovitch, Litvinoff was the last of the great Jews whom Stalin had retained in office after the various expurgations, the so-called "Tchitsckii" in the U.S.S.R., thanks to which the Jews, one after the other were sent down. According to the German Press, the former people's commissary was called Finkelstein. But, in reality, this was not his name. The national socialists are thus deprived of one of their favourite scapegoats, and it is to be queried whether Litvinoff's withdrawal may not imply a definite change of Russian foreign policy as a whole. But this is not the subject of this article. I shall confine myself to a picture of Litvinoff as I have known him at Paris, London, Geneva and above all Moscow.

Litvinoff's name was never Finkelstein; his real name was Wallach and his Christian name Meyer, which he later russified into Maxim. He was the son of a middle class citizen of the Polish-Jewish borough of Bielostock, now belonging to Poland, but formerly part of Russian Lithuania. Within the party, Wallach was considered as a Lithuanian, a "Litwak." As he had to select a revolutionary pseudonym, he was given that of Litvinoff on account of his connection with Lithuania. It may be mere chance that one of the most famous Czarist diplomats, the Russian ambassador at Constantinople, was also called Litvinoff. The Litvinoff of to-day has not served in the Pages' Corps; his diplomatic career was not facilitated by recommendations. He is a child of the revolution, his past is that of a conspirator, although he did not actually fight on the barricades. Still, he is a revolutionary in all the acceptance of the word. He has lived dangerously and his adventurer's existence has frequently compelled him to change his name. According to circumstances, he was known as Felix, Papacha, Gustave Graf, Louis Nitz and Maix Finkelstein. His father was a small tradesman, a Jew who led the existence of a patriarch, like the father of Radek. In his family, Meyer was somewhat of a black sheep, for the former was practising and conservative, like most of the lower middle class families of Russia. The Wallachs were poor people. The Eastern Jews were in the habit of giving a good education to their children. Meyer went to college, while his brother entered a Rabbinical seminary. This brother is still rabbi at Bielostock. The other members of the family were two daughters, Esther and Rebecca, and a brother, Leo, who continued in trade. While Meyer inscribed his name in the annals of history and the rabbi remained at Bielostock, poor and unknown, Leo tarnished the name of Wallach with shame. He was compromised in several swindles and imprisoned for criminal offences. From his earliest childhood, Meyer, known to his Russian colleagues as Maxim, concerned himself with politics. He first adhered to a Jewish and socialist group, the "Bund," which was constantly pursued by the police. Young Wallach

had to flee abroad, penniless, in order to avoid imprisonment. He went to England, where he found a post in a bank. He lived a double life. By day, he was a minor clerk; by night, he received the secret visit of emigrants, and was entrusted by mission from the illicit direction of the party. Soon he became an important technical agent of the Party abroad. He was engaged in frontier conspiracies; he organized illegal journeys to Russia, and his main business was to procure arms for the illegal organization of the Party. The diplomatic and

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intriguing capacity which he showed in this work soon attracted the attention of the leaders of the Party. One day, when buying arms in a German factory, he encountered a Russian diplomatic mission, which was placing orders for the account of the State. Wallach claimed Danish nationality and received an official invitation to dine with the Russians.

After Stalin's well-known attack upon a post waggon at Tiflis, Litvinoff was instructed to hide the stolen money. He exchanged the new roubles was caught and imprisoned.

When Lenin came into power on November 7th, 1917, Maxim Maximovitch Litvinoff could proclaim that he had rendered considerable services to the party. His diplomatic career

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⑤ VISIT EACH PLACE ON CORRECT ROUTE WHICH IS AN INVITATION

⑥ Three dice laid HOW MANY DIFFER MADE TWO AND

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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, MAY 19, 1939

DOROTHY Jones, who kept the "English" Tea Room in a walled village on a sun-kissed hill in Provence, could never cure herself of her habit of giving nicknames to her clients.

Rather she gave them type-names. Some were complimentary; some erred on the side of being too candid; but as she assured herself every time she recalled a face this way, the type-names were all so private that no one could possibly be offended.

For nearly twenty years Dorothy had lived with her antiques and her mental album of caricatures, welcoming people who cared to climb the narrow cobbled street that wandered up from the frowning gate of the town to the pleasant square, where the pottery-decked facade of her shop smiled colourfully at the whispering fountain.

She had names for most of her regular clients. There were the Bull-Frog, the Fat-Spider, the Spaniel, the Forgotten Woman, Flora MacDonald, Madame le President, the Countess, La Solitaire, and the Welsh-Witch; Dorothy loved them all, with the exception, perhaps, of the Bull-Frog, who was the kind of person one did not love.

She might have been a little cruel, to have named Miss Tucker the Bull-Frog, but once you heard her voice, no other name could

"THE LITTLE WOMAN"

poplars, the sugar-cube houses, the silver veins of the roads.

Bull-Frog soon ferreted out the information that the Little Woman lived on the balcony floor of the best hotel in the nearby town.

"It's amazing the people who have money these days," she croaked furiously. Dorothy waited. Bull-Frog's eyes narrowed. Her mouth became a long slit of disapproval.

"That woman—she stays at the Golden Hind, and she pays one hundred francs a day for her room. Jules, the head waiter, told me."

Dorothy felt herself blushing. She answered meekly: "Well, I suppose she can afford it."

"Of course she can," Bull-Frog's voice was supercharged with disgust. "Those women usually can. I'm sure there's something funny about her—and she's alone, too. Women—nice women, don't come and stay at places like this alone. She's probably a mistress—a professional mistress."

Quite a number of unkind jaws dropped the afternoon the Little Woman arrived with a child.

"My little boy," she blushed prettily at Dorothy. "He's come to spend a few weeks with me."

ees it that the people here do not like me?—I know they don't. They say all kinds of things, wicked things, about me—because I am alone here — with my little boy — the big one with the loud voice especially. She is alone as well. She has always been alone here! Why is it wrong for me and right for her?"

Dorothy turned away. She had begun to blush furiously. Why did she have to be the scapegoat for the sins of all the forgotten women on the Cote d' Azure? She was trying hard to appear casually absorbed in the rolling profile of the hills. Ostrich-like she thought that if she screwed up her eyes, the Little Woman might not see she was blushing. Should she lie and tell the Little Woman that she was wrong . . . ?

With difficulty she mastered the hot lump in her throat.

"If I were you I shouldn't take any notice of them — of her, at least. You see, Miss Tucker's rather lonely, and she's got to have something to talk about. She doesn't mean any harm."

The Little Woman tossed her neat dark head defiantly. She gave an impatient stamp of her foot.

"But I do mind. It hurts me inside somewhere. I am married. . . I love my husband. . . I am so proud of him. Miss Jones, do you think that if they saw my husband they would stop saying things? They say . . . oh . . ." The little voice became hot and intense. "They say that I am not married, that my boy has not a father—I hate it. They even ask at the hotel if I have men in my bedroom. It is hateful, and wicked."

She choked for a second—then resumed.

"It hurts me, because they are people of my own country. I can't forget I was born in the Old Kent-road, you know. If I could only look on them as foreigners. I wouldn't mind."

Dorothy was horribly conscious all at once of the tremble in her voice.

"I should just show them you don't care. And I wouldn't listen to what the hotel servants say."

The Little Woman settled herself listlessly into an antique chair.

"I must get my husband to come here. I've asked him to come quite ten times, and each time he says he cannot. I'll make him. I'll show that old vulture woman! I must—or I die of shame."

The next day brought a surprise.

Tea was nearly over when a man came in and went straight to the Little Woman's table. He kissed her affectionately on both cheeks. Afterwards he kissed the child. Dorothy thrilled to watch the Little Woman's blushes; it was too charming. She experienced a pain in her heart; how could one woman possibly acquire so much happiness. When she went over to take the order, Madame Dubois presented her husband.

Dorothy gave her hand politely. So here was the wonderful hus-

band! He was miniature as well; an extremely little man. Further, he was scrubby. The dark, unshaven face looked out over a high and not too white collar. His black coat was, poorly cut, and he wore striped business trousers and brown boots.

He spoke to Dorothy in a high, squeaky voice.

"I hear that your scones are wonderful. I would like to try them. I have come especially for that. My wife said I must come to share them."

He might be a clerk, a shop-keeper perhaps, Dorothy judged. Not a bit the kind of man who would keep his wife in a hundred franc-a-day room in a luxury hotel.

Dorothy settled in her chair by the door to watch them surreptitiously. Their smiling faces were close to each other over the tea cups. The tweedy cats had noticed the love scene, too. Their conversation seemed to hush as they watched the Lilliputian couple with a gigantic love. Dorothy was thrilled.

As he paid his bill, the little man's scrubby face smiled gratefully at Dorothy.

"Miss Jones, my wife tells me you have been very kind to her while she has been here. I would like to say thank you. Unfortunately I have to go away now . . . er . . ." his face was embarrassed. "I hope you will continue your kindness."

The Little Woman interrupted plaintively:

"Oh, Felix, couldn't you stay one night?" She turned to Dorothy. "Please, Miss Jones, make him stay—he must, but he says the affairs will not permit."

Dorothy profoundly wanted the Little Woman to keep on being so happy. She addressed herself to the husband.

"The evenings are charming here, Monsieur. . . You really should stay, if business will allow you."

A spasm of anxiety flitted over his face. He got up rather quickly. The five feet of him gave her an apologetic little bow.

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Short Story By Keith Ayling

possibly fit.

Miss Tucker's voice was attracting attention to itself the first day the Little Woman arrived. She stole in, as if she hoped no one would notice her. Dorothy named her the Little Woman almost before she sat down. She was the smallest person imaginable, and typically French, neatly dressed in black, with a pink sateen blouse, and obviously artificial pearls.

But she ordered tea and toast in pure Cockney. Then noticing Dorothy's surprise, she changed to French with a ripe Provencal accent.

The Bull-Frog focused her lorgnettes on the minute figure as it went out. She boomed:

"Wonder who she is . . . she's not a bit like the kind of person who should come here. Probably made a mistake . . . suppose she's a maid, and her mistress is at one of the big hotels."

The Little Woman became a regular customer. Dorothy was as much intrigued about her as the Bull-Frog. Among the usual afternoon assembly of tweedy women she was rather like a piece of Sevres china among a row of flower pots.

Dorothy made a habit of reserving the table by the window for her little customer. The table looked out over the wide green patch-work of valley that was dappled with cherry blossom. She often stood by the table in the mornings to watch the sun throw its earliest daffodil fingers across the most perfect view on the coast. She loved its variegated beauty; the dark spears of the

Dorothy accepted the hand the child proffered in French fashion, and gasped inwardly. The boy was a miniature too, a minute reproduction of his mother. She smiled back at the large dark eyes.

"Does he speak English?"

"Oh yes, he speak Engleesh, French, Italian and a little German," chimed in the mother proudly. "Hees father, he believe that children should learn as many languages as possible . . ." The bright eyes rested on Dorothy's face. "You wouldn't think I was Engleesh, would you? . . . I speak so badly and make so many faults now."

Early one morning, when Dorothy had stopped work to admire her view, she heard footsteps in the shop. The Little Woman stood there, as fragrant as a freshly picked flower.

"Your view—et is so lovely," she sighed. "If only my husband would come, but he cannot. He is too busy."

She sighed again. Her face lit up in a way that created strange longings in Dorothy's rather empty heart.

"It's so wonderful to share everything, this scene, these lovely mountains. I write to my husband every day, and I tell him he must come, that this place is the most beautiful in the whole world, but still he says that he cannot come."

She broke off. Dorothy encouraged her with an attentive smile.

"Miss Jones—" She was gazing out of the window; her voice was trembling. "Miss Jones—why

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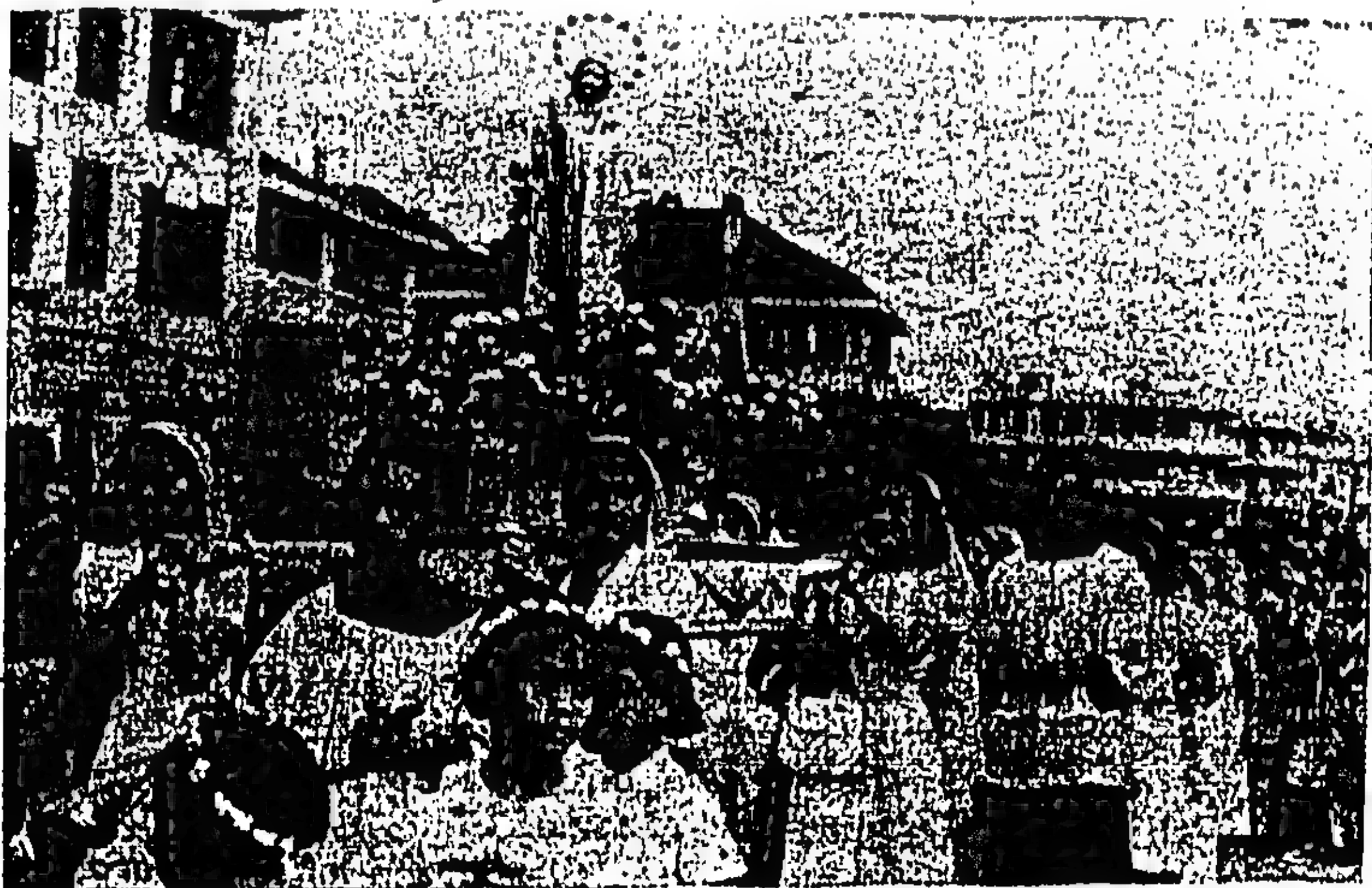
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Mr. Jack Yuan Hutton Potts and his bride, the former Miss Antonia Ursula Cohen, leaving St. John's Cathedral after their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Potts later left on their honeymoon which is being spent in Batavia and Bali.



"Our Lady of Fatima." The beautiful statue of the Virgin which was carried in procession by members of the "Children of Mercy" at St. Teresa's Church last Sunday.



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"Brave nothing," retorted Mike. "I saw what he did to you, so I showed him my good leg!"

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MORE BITTER

"Hit say 'ere 'ow heels are in the news," observed the pretty barmaid, looking up from the "Daily Rubbishdump" and tapping a daintily arched shoe provocatively.

"Ho, hit does, does hit?" retorted the red-faced man in the corner truculently. "Well, let me tell you heels is aht o' season. Now if you was to say, 'ike hor even 'albut."

"Keep yer 'air on," complained the barmaid. "Can't a girl 'ave 'icups and put a haitch hin the wrong place without you creat-ing. Hit was 'eels hi said and 'eels hi meant. Now wot you got ter say?"

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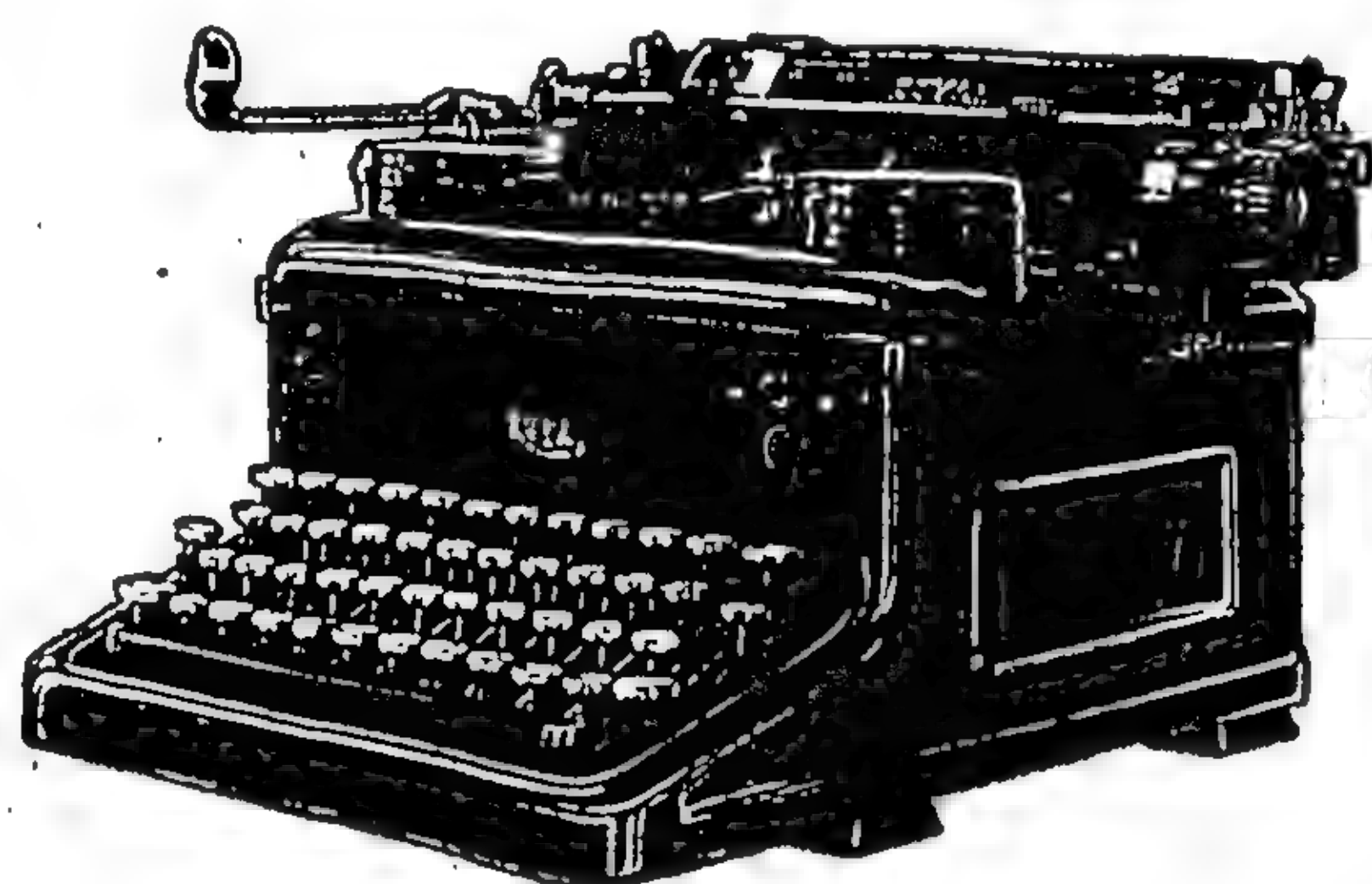


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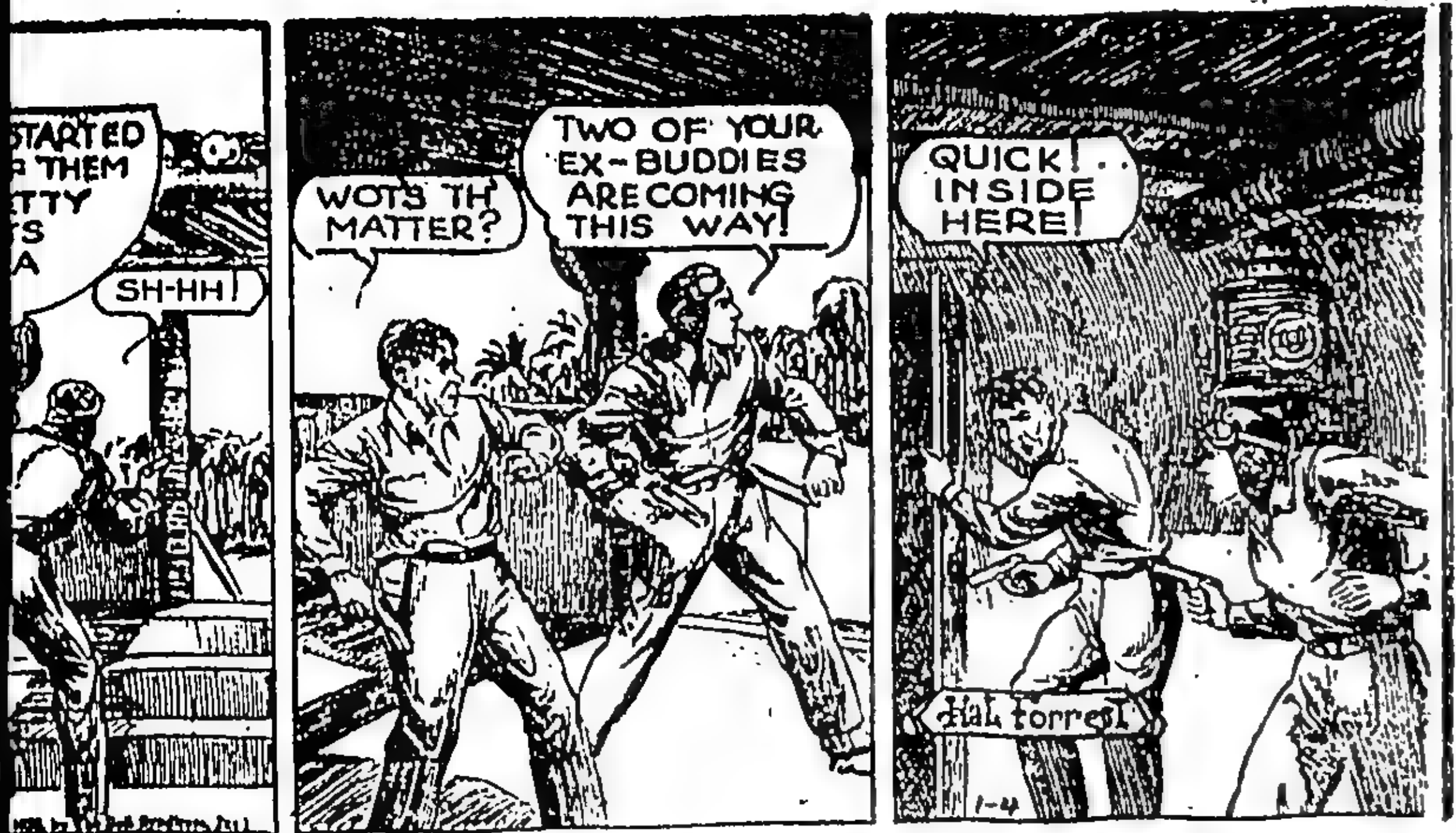
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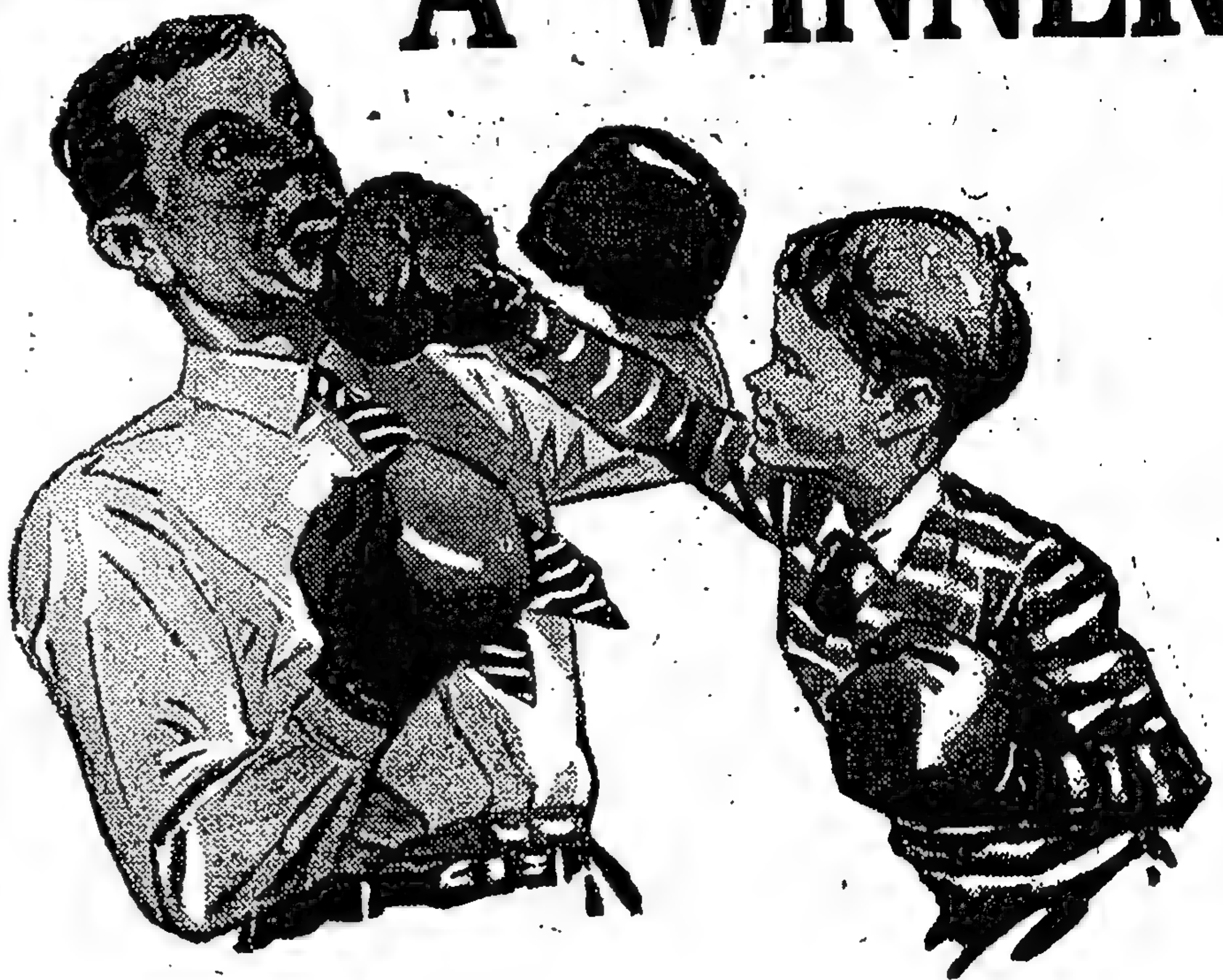
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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Muriel Nissen

MAP CHANGES AND PHILATELY
STAMP collectors are always enthusiastic over the prospect of new issues, but it is doubtful if the forthcoming influx of stamps from central Europe will find much favour with them. That there will be many postages following recent alterations in the map of Europe is inevitable, of course. Provisional stamps and issues with the "return of territory" theme will give the philatelic situation a marked resemblance to the post-war years.

During its short regime of two decades, the republic of Czechoslovakia was a prolific contributor to philately. Its postal output included every type of issue and reached a total of nearly 600 separate items. It is ironic to note how many of these stamps were issued in honour of independence, peace and charity. Views of many cities, including Prague, Pilsen and Bratislava have also appeared on Czech stamps. These cities are now occupied by German forces, and it is not unlikely that they will reappear postally under Nazi sponsorship.

The breakup of Czechoslovakia is by no means the only geographical change to be reflected on postage stamps. German occupation of the Baltic port of Memel, formerly a possession of Lithuania, will also affect postage there, and only your radio can begin to keep abreast of these momentous events as they occur. Eventually, however, your postage stamp album will carry souvenirs of all of them.

NEW RATE—NEW STAMP
ON March 1 the rate for Canadian special delivery was reduced from 20 cents to 10 cents. Pending

the release of a new adhesive in the lower value, a provisional issue has appeared, consisting of an overprint on the 20 cent dark carmine special delivery stamp of 1938. The old value is obliterated by three horizontal bars, and the 10 cent denomination is printed in black.

SPORT SET

ECUADOR has been very generous this year in the matter of stamp releases. One of the most attractive is a set issued in honour of the Bolivian Olympic Games. There are five airmail values and five stamps for regular postage, designed as follows: The postage values are: 5 centavos, rose-red—parade of athletes; 10c, blue, runner; 50c, olive-green, basketball; 1 Sucre, purple, wrestling; 2S, olive-green, diving. In the airmail set we have: 5c, green, steeple-chasing; 10c, orange, woman runner; 50c, brown, tennis; 1S, olive-brown and 2S, carmine, fire of victory.

NEW HONDURAS ISSUE



THE government of Honduras is required by law to issue new postal paper every four years. In compliance thereto the Central American republic has released postage and air-



Mrs. Lo Wan-king handing to Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador in Washington, the key of an ambulance presented by the Chinese Women's Club to the National Red Cross Society.

mail sets, with official stamps scheduled to follow. The five regular postage values released to date are: 1 centavo, yellow, Coat-of-arms of Honduras; 2c, dull red; Palace of the Central District; 3c, rose-red, map of Honduras; 5c, orange-yellow, Cholulaca Bridge and 8c, deep blue, National flag.

Each of the ten airmails is inscribed for us on internal and international airmail. Values, colours and designs are: 10c, brown, ruins of Copan; 15c, light blue, portrait of President Carias; 21c, gray-black, Maya Temple; 30c, blue-green, portrait of Jose Cecilio; 40c, violet, presidential palace; 46c, gray-brown, figure of Lempira, an Indian; 55c, deep green, Cathedral of Suyapa; 66c, black, portrait of Father Jose Trinidad Reyes; 1 lempira, olive, new hospital at Cholulaca and 2 lempiras, lake-brown, Dr. Ramon Rosa, former president of Honduras.

An official airmail set was also issued, and was available to the public for a brief period. All eight values had the same design—the Honduran

Coat-of-arms at the left, the National flag in the right half and a banner diagonally arranged, reading, "Correo oficial aereo". Each stamp was printed in three colours.

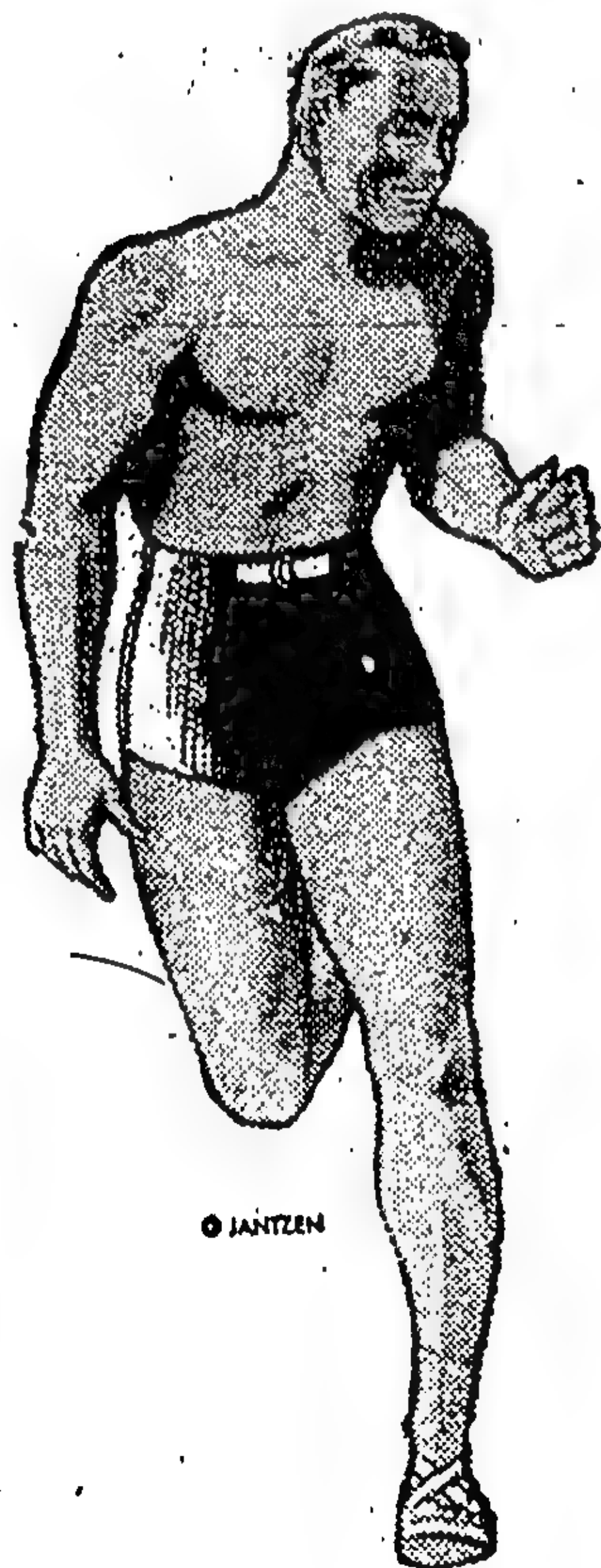
STAMP TEASERS

1. What stamp pictures a poet riding a griffin?
2. Who were Zwirko and Wigura, and on what stamp are they portrayed?
3. The rocky formation known as "The Pitons" appears on what adhesive?
4. What stamp depicts the various stages in the life of a silkworm?
5. What is a kookaburra, and on what stamp does he appear?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Fellahin are Egyptian peasants and you will find three of them pictured on a 1931 adhesive from Egypt.
2. Admiral Lascarina Bouboulina commanded a squadron during the Greek War for independence in 1930. She is portrayed on a stamp of her native land issued in 1930.
3. Spalato Harbour is pictured on a stamp of Yugoslavia.
4. A Russian stamp of 1923 pictures a Fordson Tractor.
5. The picture of a cocoa bean appears on a 1930 stamp of Ecuador.

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"THE LITTLE WOMAN"

(Continued from Page 1)

"I would like to stay so much—you are so kind—but unfortunately I cannot—not this time... Shortly I will come and stay a month, I hope."

They went out, arm in arm, like happy children.

Dorothy relaxed pleasantly. She heard the Spaniel talking to the Bull-Frog.

"So you see, my dear, there's the husband. I suppose you'll want to see the mother-in-law and the marriage certificate next."

Miss Tucker stiffened.

"Exactly the kind of person I expected. Probably a waiter or something—or a burglar."

Dorothy decided then that boiling-in-oil was too good for the Bull-Frog.

That evening Miss Murdoch, the Spaniel, came fluttering up the street to bring her the staggering news.

"My dear, it's too dreadful, that poor little woman—"

Horror laid a clammy hand on Dorothy's heart. There was only one Little Woman.

"Her husband was arrested by the police—for murder. It appears he is wanted for killing a policeman in this very village nearly twenty-five years ago. They recognised him in the market-square and took him. His poor little wife! Oh, dear—and when Lavinia knows—"

She broke off tearfully.

Dorothy knew they were both thinking of the same thing.

"How is it a woman like that can be allowed to be right?" the Spaniel demanded, surprisingly fierce. "I wonder—it doesn't seem fair."

Dorothy reached for her bag.

"I'm going to Madame Dubois. I must... it's the only thing I can do."

She stumbled down to the hotel in a numbed trance.

In her pleasant room overlooking the distant sea Madame Dubois sat dry-eyed, staring unseeing at the abominable wall paper. She sat so still that Dorothy wondered if she was alive. The tiny hands were like waxen flowers. The exaggerated dark circles of her eyes gave the tiny face an effect of harrowing gauntness. The black hair was mussed and tousled. Dorothy recalled a Japanese print of a weeping Geisha she had once seen. It had come to life.

The Little Woman moaned—to the walls.

"I did it... it was my fault—I made him come. I said I would leave him if he did not... and he came, knowing his danger... Oh, why was I so vain and stupid..."

"But you didn't know," consoled Dorothy. "You could not help it."

"But I should have trusted him. I was too vain! Too proud! We women are like that. I ought to have known when he said he could not come, that he had a good reason... and now he is up there in the prison. To-morrow they will take him to Nice, and then they will kill him... I know they will. There is one thing you cannot do in France, and live. You can kill anyone but a policeman... and he did it helping another man to escape. It was an accident. He assured me that..."

She jerked into a stiff, erect position, never for a moment taking her eyes off the wallpaper.

Her voice became suddenly hard and cold like that of a person who has been a long time without sleep.

"That old vulture woman, she made me do this foolish thing. She was cruel... her nasty scandals. It was for her that I made Felix come down here to show himself. She made me kill him. Now I will kill her...!"

The Little Woman moved across to a drawer. Dorothy swallowed hard. She saw the automatic shining in the tiny hand.

"I shall shoot her with this—bang! But first I shall tell her what she has done. I shall tell her—oh, so many things. How I shall try to make her understand."

Dorothy heard herself saying in a terrifying unfamiliar voice: "I think I should do the same thing, if I were you."

Miss Tucker made her entrance next day a personal victory parade. She gave the whole tea-shop a defiant sweeping stare, hesitated for a second and then settled herself at the Little Woman's table.

An emotion that translated itself as a sense of duty flooded Dorothy. She advanced firmly.

"I'm sorry, Miss Tucker, but this table is reserved, as it always is."

"Indeed!—Surely that woman, the murderer's wife, is not coming here to-day?"

The croak expressed all the indignation of outraged womanhood.

"I am not sure whether she is coming or not, but I prefer to keep her table," Dorothy answered. "Your usual one is free."

Miss Tucker bundled herself up and went over to her own table without a word. The tea shop began to fill.

Dorothy listened to the buzz of conversation through a haze of misery. She swung herself slowly to and fro in her chair. She supposed she ought to warn Miss Tucker that the Little Woman was going to shoot her, and advise her to make herself scarce. She should warn the police.

She looked across at the Bull-Frog again. A snatch of conversation detached itself from the incidental chatter and hurled across the room like a heavy stone.

"I knew all the time, a common murderer..."

Dorothy stiffened with disgust. The Little Woman would come and shoot the Bull-Frog... she hoped she would.

She was asking herself if she was really mad for the hundredth time when the Little Woman entered.

Dorothy made a feeble movement towards her, tried to smile as usual, and then stopped with terror trickling down her spine.

Madame Dubois was dressed as for a great occasion. Dorothy noted the neat black suit, the white jabot, the neat Catherine de Medici hat. The delicate face was so white and set that it seemed unreal.

Dorothy tried to cry out, though, when she saw one of the white-gloved hands fumble in the smart patent-leather handbag. Of course, that was for the revolver...

The Little Woman walked quickly up the narrow shop towards her table. Opposite Miss Tucker she stopped. The automatic pistol gleamed dully blue.

"Miss Tucker, I have come here to talk to you... you have ruined my life. You have hated me from the start, you have said dreadful things about me... You said my boy had no father, that I was a bad woman... Why did you say that, when I did you no harm..."

when I was so happy? Well—"

Miss Tucker stood up booming alarm. The yellow skin of her face seemed to have shrunk. With her great hollow eyes and sunken cheeks, she looked like a living skull.

"The woman's mad! Dorothy—turn her out."

Madame Dubois flourished death within a few inches of the craglike nose.

"No, I am not mad I am sensible. I see it so clearly. Instead of forgetting the cruel things you said, I listened... I did not know my husband had killed someone. He did it before I met him—but when he said he could not come here, I did a very foolish thing, because you goaded me with your evil talk. I tell my husband that I leave him if he did not come, because I want to show you that I have everything a woman should have, a husband, a baby and love... and I have lost all, Miss Tucker. You will never know what I have lost, you who have never loved anyone but yourself."

The Bull-Frog shut her eyes. Her jaw fell to expose the huge yellow tombstones of her teeth—as the Little Woman levelled the revolver.

"Miss Tucker... the man who was escaping with my husband was shot by the gendarmes. He was an Englishman on his way to La Guyane for falsification. His mother had brought him up in France so that he should not go in the army when England went to war... He had no father, Miss Tucker. He died, and he left a statement saying his fellow prisoner did not carry any firearms... that was my husband... he was buried in the potter's field outside the village, and

his mother lived here ever since to be near her worthless son who had no father..."

Miss Tucker crumpled down into her chair. The Little Woman put her face quite near to the misery of wrinkled parchment. The dark eyes seemed to steam with hate. Her voice was a scream.

"Miss Tucker! Did you visit your son's grave to-day? Did you tell him what you had done with your evil tongue?"

The automatic flashed menacingly. Miss Tucker staggered to her feet.

"I think you had better shoot me, it would be kinder." That strange cracked voice was no longer a boom. The pale, damp eyes swept the room.

She staggered a little, steadying herself against the table, and then raised her livid face as if she could not bear to look at her own kind any more.

"What she says is true, every word of it. My son had no father, he was killed trying to escape. I bribed the guards, but one was changed—the one who shot my son—I didn't know it was her husband. I'll do anything that money can do... anything, to put things right."

Dorothy walked quickly over and took the automatic from the Little Woman's listless hand.

"We'll have to get the best lawyer," she suggested. "Things aren't half as bad as they seem, I'm sure..." And because there didn't seem to be anything else could say, she just took them both into her study.

Later she looked in. They were both on their knee—Miss Tucker's tweediness and the Little Woman's dark elegance.

Dorothy left them...

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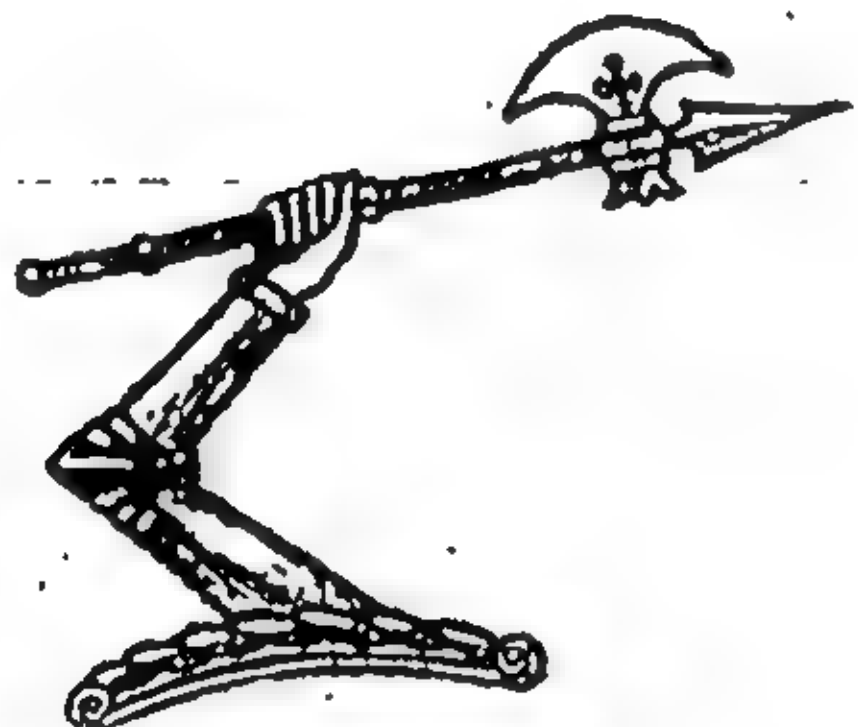
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front to the world and only spoke English with him. When she spoke Russian, it was with a very decided accent. I saw the German ambassador kiss her hand at the very moment when a violent cannonade had been unleashed at Nuremberg. At that reception, there were only gala uniforms, only very different military attaches and young noblemen who, all of them, awaited an occasion to dance with Tatiana Litvinoff.

During the night, at supper, the marshalls brought joyous feasts, ignorant of the fate that was already awaiting them. At that very reception, I saw a man before whom all gave way when he entered, and who is now Litvinoff's successor, Molotov, the head of the Government, not quite at ease in his evening clothes, which Litvinoff wore as if accustomed to them; Molotov, who has now reached the highest office, had great difficulty in habituating himself to this discipline.

Litvinoff liked to dance. When the ball began in the great room, he opened it with the lady of the highest rank to the tones of an old Viennese waltz. The former conspirator had been transformed into a honest citizen. The times were far distant when he had to hide from the police. Meanwhile, he had been received by the King of England, he had followed as an important guest the coronation procession of another King, and he had walked, head bowed, behind the coffin of King George V, the cousin of the Czar murdered under the Soviet regime.

At the Litvinoffs, the caviare was served on an enormous block of ice representing a bear holding a cup in its paw. This communist conspirator did himself well and enjoyed good living. He never lost his temper and had an objection to blood. He ate from a service decorated with the Imperial crown and was not incommo-

different, were mutually hostile. Chicherin was an aristocrat by birth, a somewhat haphazard and original type, whereas Litvinoff was in fact a small bourgeois and has never achieved a cosmopolitan scope. Chicherin and Litvinoff often differed completely, not only on politics, but also on current questions.

Stalin used his People's Commissary as a mere technical executive. Litvinoff had to do as he was told by the "Leader of the Peoples" and he himself had no influence whatever. Although the most famous of Russian diplomats, he did not form part of the Political Department which orientates Russian policy in general.

There was something veritably ironical in seeing Meyer Wallach succeed Gortchakoff, Nesselrod, Gier, Count Landsdorff, Mouraiow and Sazonoff. Before the revolution it would have been impossible for a Jew to become a mere consular agent.

Litvinoff's marriage was a very happy one. He had two children, Tatiana and Micha. During the great famine, Litvinoff adopted another little girl, who is now a very charming young lady. At number 17 of the Spiridonowka, in the former palace of the great banker Riabouchinski, the family led a life that might be called patriarchal, when there was no diplomatic reception. John Gunther has described the telephone interview which Litvinoff had with his son when he was in America. In this conversation, Litvinoff showed himself a completely devoted husband and father.

He lived luxuriously in Spiridonowka and his brilliant receptions were assiduously attended by the diplomatic corps. His wife knew how to give the house an impress of distinction. She revealed herself as a very tactful lady of the house and as very dignified. Near her husband, she showed a smiling

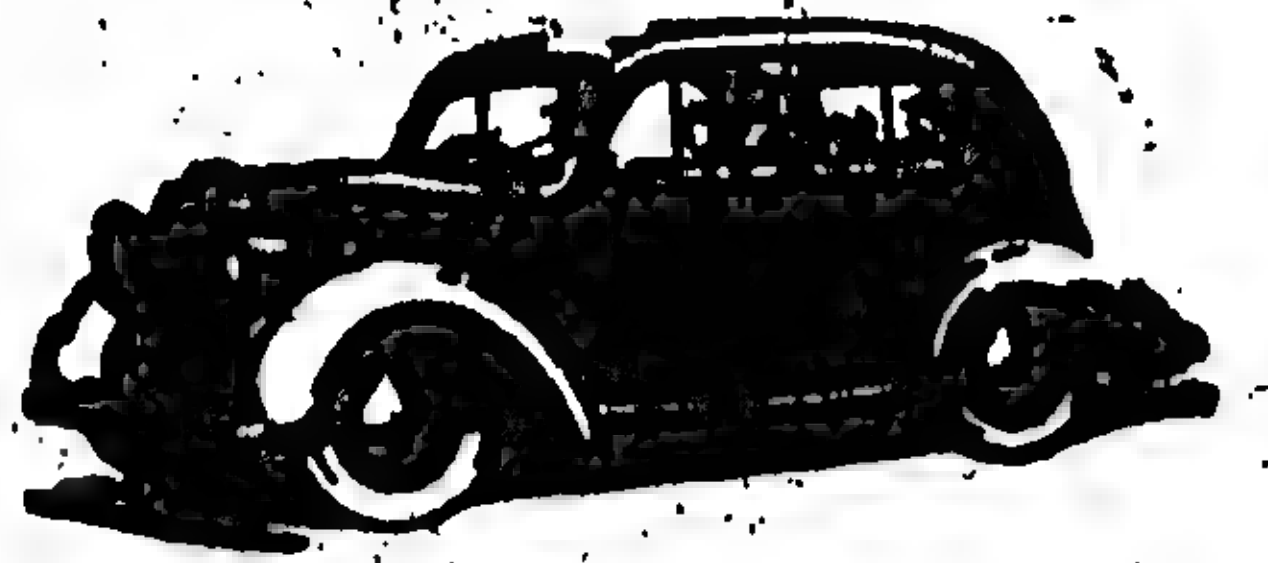
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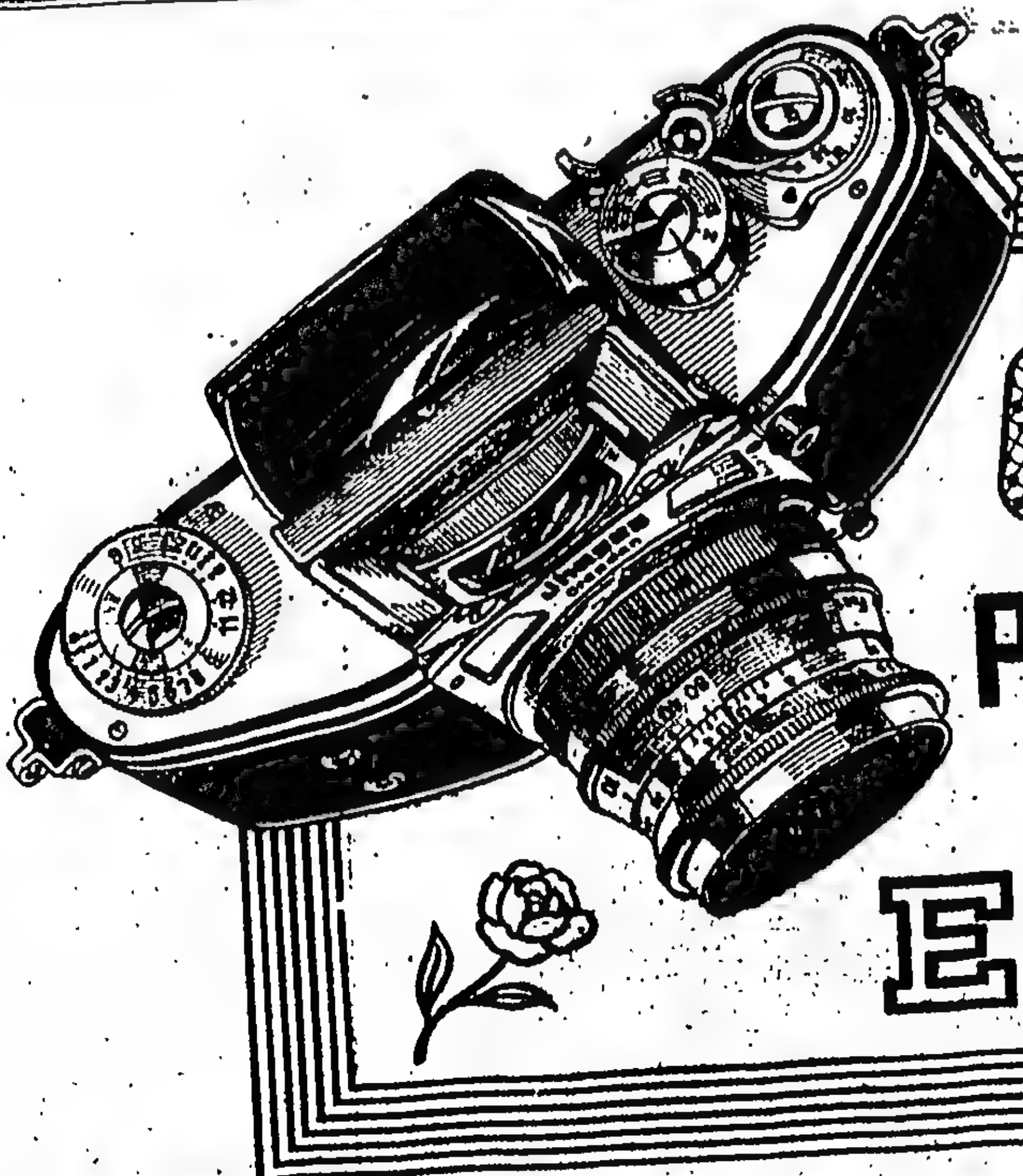
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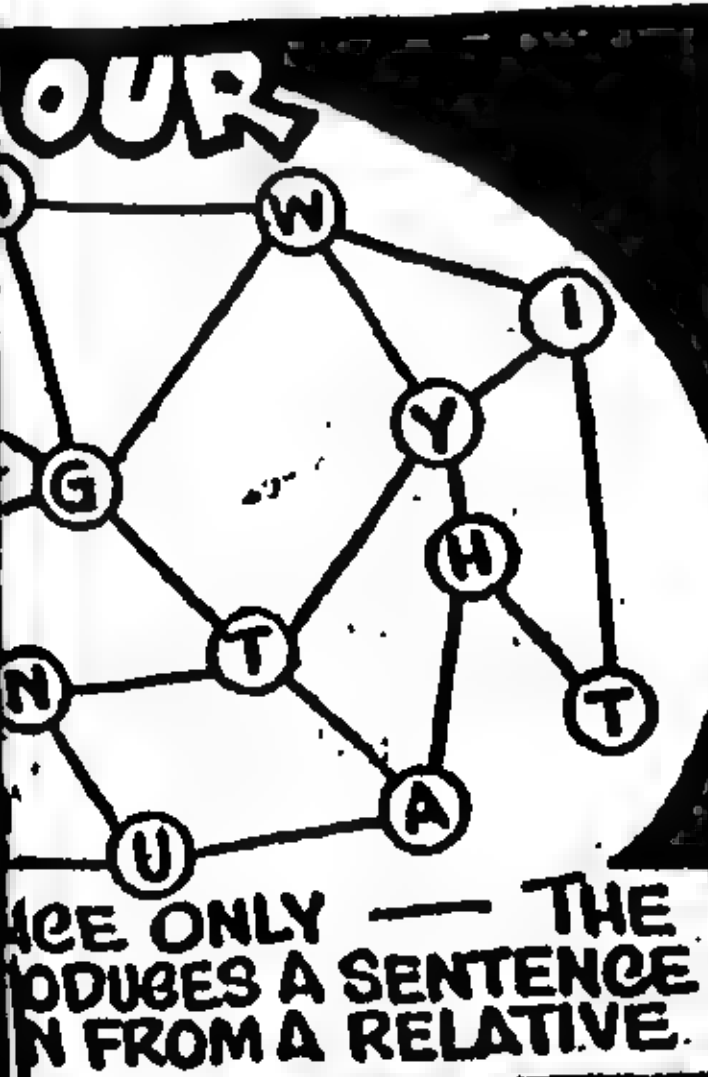
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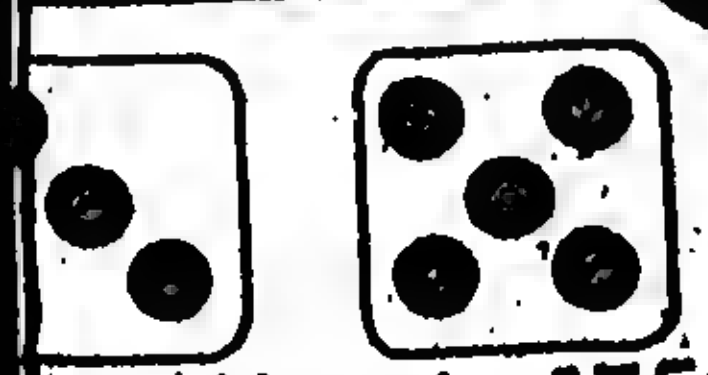
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by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Give In To Spring Fever For Beauty's Sake

About now Spring fever hits you! Or it may have hit you a week or so ago. You are listless. You have little desire to do anything and you wish to heaven the summer would come quickly!

For beauty's sake, just give in. Rest as much as you can, as often as you can. Take cat naps when sleep creeps up on you. Stop worrying about what you cannot get done or should be doing. Nature is telling you to rest. And rest you should.

Rest As Important As Food

A physician said to me recently, "All the vitamins you may consume will do you little good unless you will rest!" You see Spring fever had come to me a bit early!

Food, good food, will bring you little beauty or strength unless you rest your body. Do not use up every ounce of energy you have. It is no sin to rest — to take a few moments or hours for something which will give you pleasure! Mothers, and other busy women get into the habit of driving themselves. There is so much to do and so little time to do it! They make work for themselves and they rob themselves of sleep even during night hours. For once in bed, they lie awake either going over the day's doings or planning what they simply must do the next day!

If you keep up at such pace, you will soon find yourself a nervous

wreck. In fact, when you reach the stage of insomnia, you are the beginnings of a nervous wreck! So call a halt. Take yourself in hand and give that marvelous body of yours a wee chance to repair itself!

What if the kitchen floor doesn't get washed to-day? What if you don't get that shopping done? Daughter's dress can be made next week instead of this and as far as parties and entertainment go—you can always have those once you are rested. And the prettier you will be when you do go out or when you have friends in, if you have given your tired self time to recuperate!

The World Goes Along

Just school yourself into thinking that the world goes along with or without you. Work may pile up a bit if you take time off, but how quickly you may get through it after a few days or weeks of taking it a bit easy! Tiredness is as much an illness as a sore throat, indigestion or lameness. In fact, if you keep on being tired you invite a series of illnesses!

If you have reached the stage of finding it hard to sleep send for my leaflet on slumber inducing exercises which are just easy stretching movements that soothe aching muscles and nerves. They are easy to do and they compensate you greatly for the effort you extend doing them!

Meet Summer rested. Take it easy now!



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CHATTER ABOUT FILMS AND FILM STARS

Four ultra-modern bandits swoop down on a California bank, surprise spectators and guards with a smoke screen and flee with 98,000 dollars, leaving a truck as the only clue to their identity. To Gladys Swarthout, secretary in the bank, recognition of the truck as the one on which her younger brother, William Henry, worked, implicates him as a member of the gang. Fleeing to her brother, she is trapped by the gang which is composed of Ernest Truex, master-mind, Hartley Tufts, gunman, Broderick Crawford, blackballed ex-pilot. There are plenty of thrills in "Ambush" for the patrons of the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

"One-third of a Nation" opens on Sunday at the Queen's & Alhambra Theatres. The film tells the story of a frontal attack on inadequate housing and the crime, disease and responsibility that accompany it. This film will have local interest in Hong Kong for one can very well compare the housing conditions with those here. Sylvia Sydney heads the cast of "One-third of a Nation" and is ably supported by Leif Erikson.

AT THE KING'S

Lovers pretending to be social celebrities to impress each other, an irrepressible small brother who plays a clarinet and complicates romance, troubles with a huge St. Bernard dog, mingle in a combination of hilarity, romance and intimate human touches in "Hold That Kiss" now showing at the King's Theatre.

Maureen O'Sullivan, Dennis O'Keefe, Hollywood's newest romantic leading man and Mickey Rooney form the principal trio in the film.

Gracie Fields as the toast of the Melbourne music halls of the Eighties. As "We're Going To Be Rich" opens she is making her farewell appearance at the Kangaroo Theatre. When the steamer arrives at Cape Town, McLaglen breaks down and confesses that he has sunk their savings in a half interest in a gold mine. and they're getting off to look over their bonanza.

The McLaglen-Donlevy feud is again introduced in the film, both of them fighting for the affections of Gracie Fields. "We're Going to Be Rich" opens on Sunday at the King's Theatre.

Hollywood Lowdown

Fred Astaire has signed a contract with Metro Goldwyn Mayer which calls for two pictures a year. His first will be "Broadway Melody of 1940." Eleanor Powell will be the heart interest in the film.

The long-awaited Warner Bros. film "Four Daughters" will be released in the King's Theatre on the 2nd of June, the cast includes the Lane Sisters, Gale Paige, Jeffrey Lynn and John Garfield.

Sam Goldwyn has finished "Wuthering Heights" for United Artists' release. The film stars Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier and David Niven. "Wuthering Heights" will be released locally in the King's Theatre.

Twentieth Century Fox's "Suez," which has broken records in Shanghai will be released in the King's Theatre on June 9th.

Deanna Durbin's "Three Smart Girls Grow Up" met with tremendous success when released in Manila and we all are anxiously awaiting its release in Hong Kong.

Ann Sheridan will also co-star with John Garfield, of "Four Daughters" fame, in the modern version of 20,000 Years, in Sing Sing" it is announced by Warners.

CORRECTION

Last Friday it was announced that "Gone With The Wind" would be released by United Artists. According to Metro Goldwyn Mayer "Gone With The Wind" is to be released under the banner of "Leo the Lion."

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

This is a poor day to count chickens before they are hatched. Peculiar conditions may bring about changes in plans. Personal opinions are apt to vary greatly, so it is important that you do not act too quickly on any person's idea of what might constitute a right or wrong business policy. Take nothing for granted but investigate thoroughly any matter that requires good judgment being used in its furtherance or disposal. Be careful how freely you express yourself this day, for many remarks will be misconstrued and friendships endangered. High pressure methods in commercial circles must be avoided, because their attempted use will cause many disappointments. Conditions seem to be far more auspicious for social activities than for professional or mercantile enterprises. Married and engaged couples, and those whose courtship is progressing nicely, must be careful not to make much ado about nothing, if they wish to avoid causing an exhibition of irritation.

If a woman and May 19 is your birthday, you are kind-hearted, every day being golden rule day for you. You are always ready to enter into the moods of others. In transactions involving the spending of money, you are probably very cautious, which argues well for your chances of accumulating a nice nest egg. Social life should have a strong appeal to you and you should easily win a prominent position in the social whirl. As a restaurant manager, real estate, insurance, or sales agent, author professional entertainer or musician, a successful career may be waiting for you. The indications are that as a married woman you will enjoy great happiness and have little to worry about.

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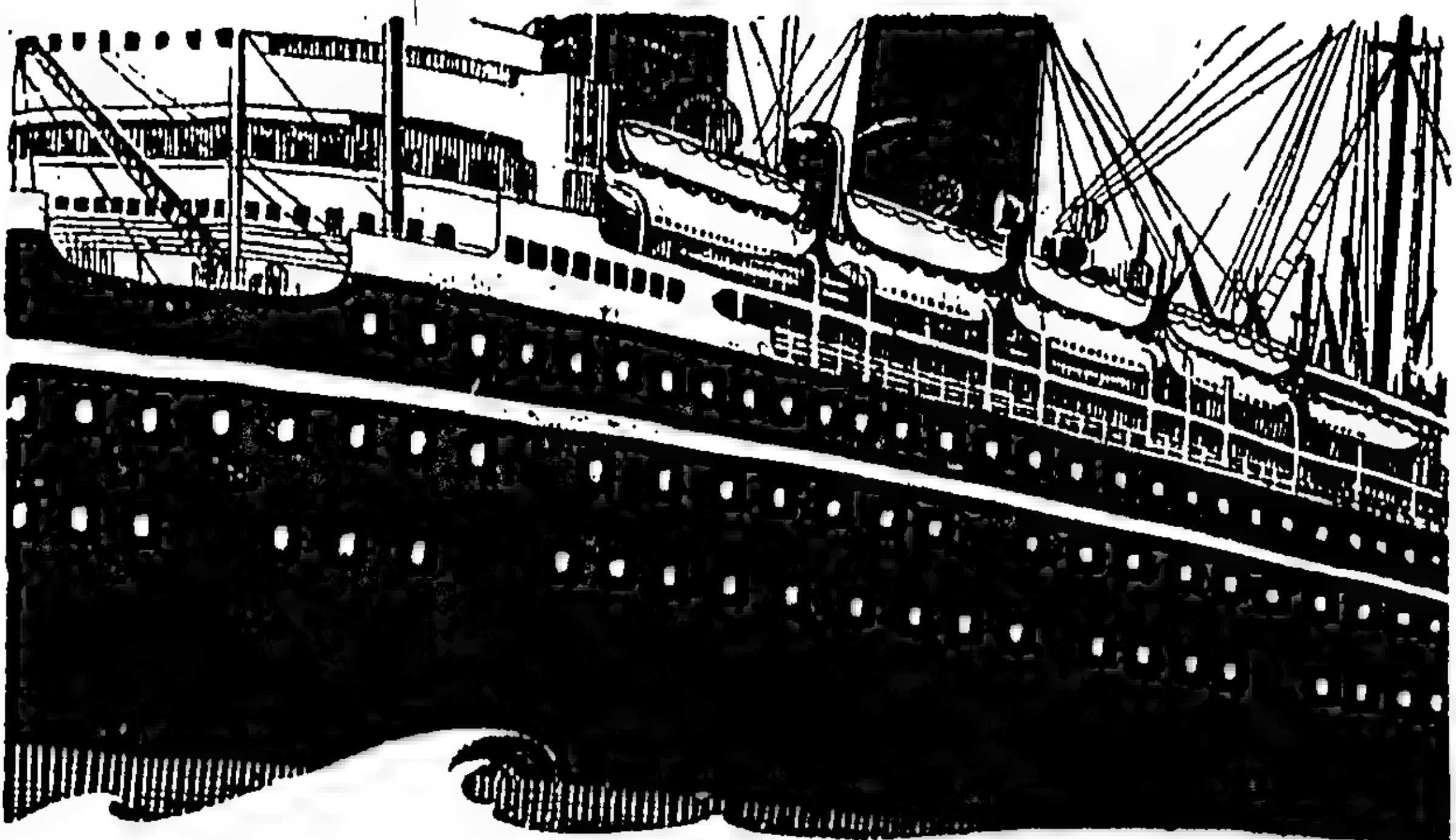
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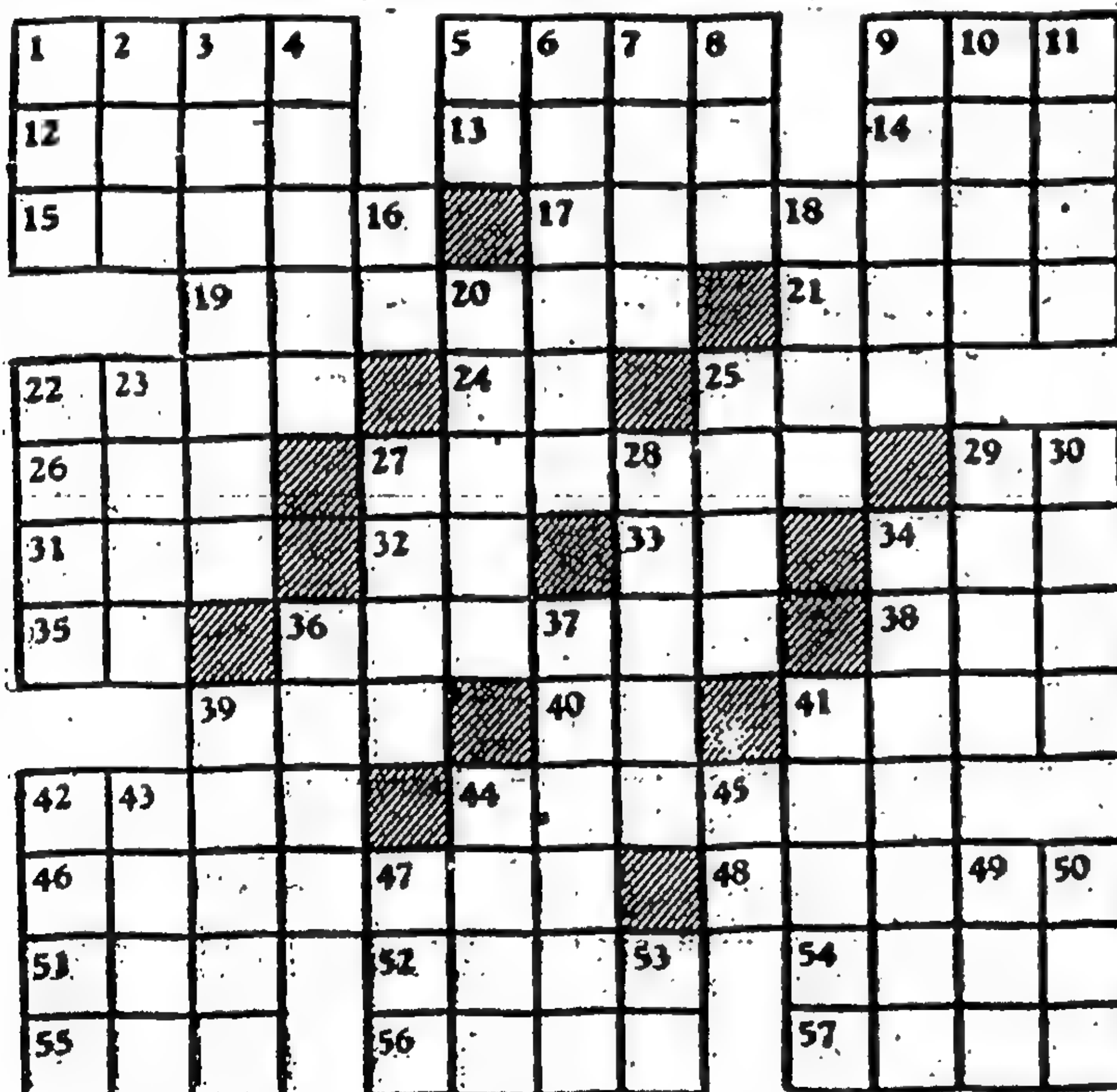
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- 12 God of war
- 13 Book palm
- 14 Egg (pl.)
- 15 One of the senses
- 17 Gigantic
- 19 Entices
- 21 Drove
- 22 River in Asia
- 24 Prefix: not
- 25 Vehicle
- 26 Prefix: together
- 27 An antenna
- 29 Mulberry
- 31 Before
- 32 Comparative suffix
- 33 Conjunction
- 34 Anger
- 35 Therefore
- 36 Live
- 38 Maiden name
- 39 To stuff
- 40 Note of scale
- 41 Heavenly body
- 42 Hindu demon
- 44 Trigonometry

- 46 To desert
- 48 More lucid
- 51 Duke (Fr.)
- 52 Lighted
- 54 To insulate
- 55 French: summer
- 56 A mallet
- 57 Metal

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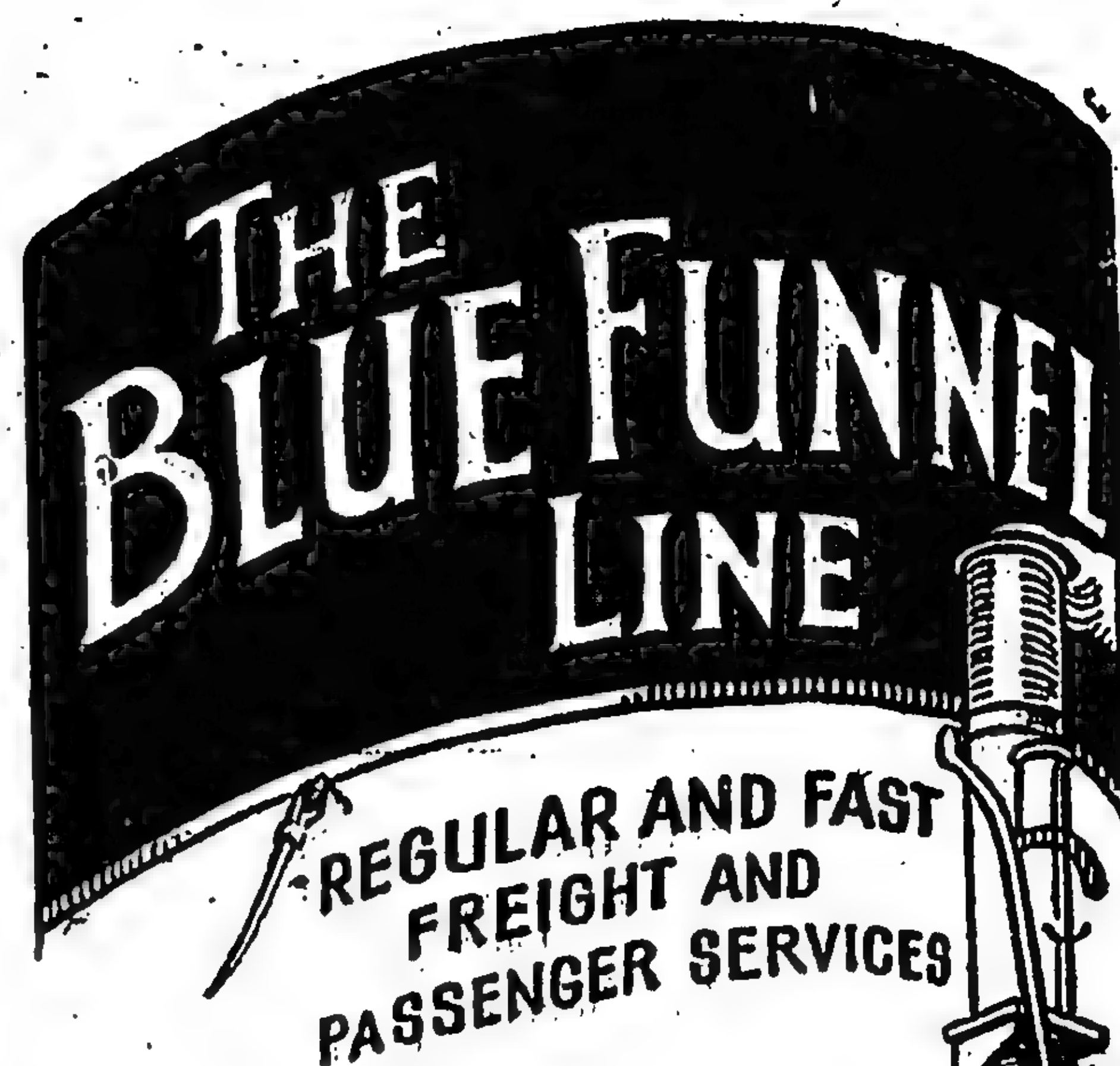
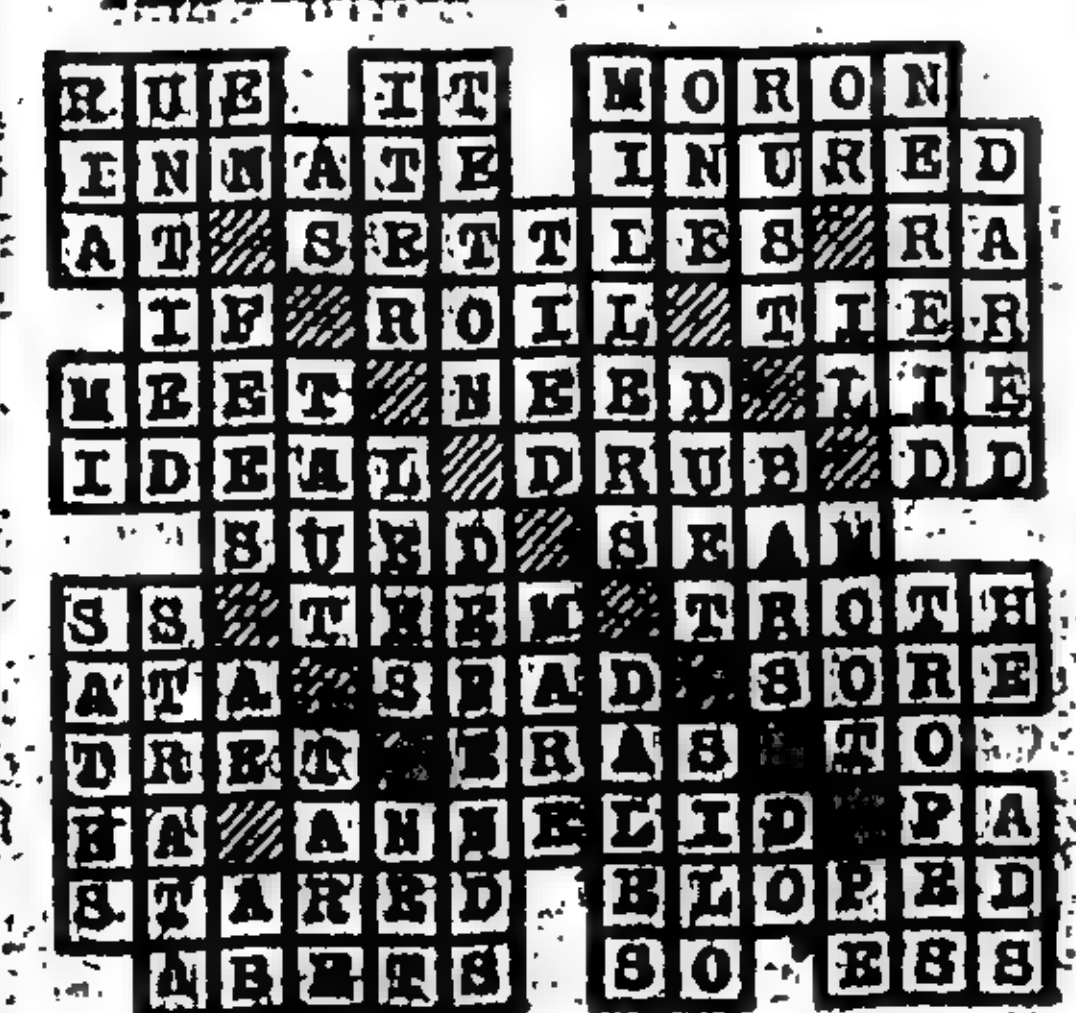
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- 2 Constellation
- 3 Expressive action
- 4 Compound ether
- 5 Pronoun
- 6 Military engagement
- 7 Goddess of discord
- 8 Memorial post

- 9 Regard with respect

- 10 Eager
- 11 Gait
- 16 Type measure
- 18 Sandalwood tree
- 20 Wharves
- 22 High cards
- 23 Filipino
- 25 To wax
- 27 To nourish
- 28 Mine veins
- 29 Any open space
- 30 Malign look
- 34 Severe
- 36 Precipitated moisture
- 37 Sarcastic
- 39 Situation
- 41 A slow person
- 42 Commanded
- 43 Touch
- 44 Genus of African trees
- 45 Exists
- 47 Restrain
- 49 Highest note in Guido's scale
- 50 Colour
- 53 Tellurium (sym.)

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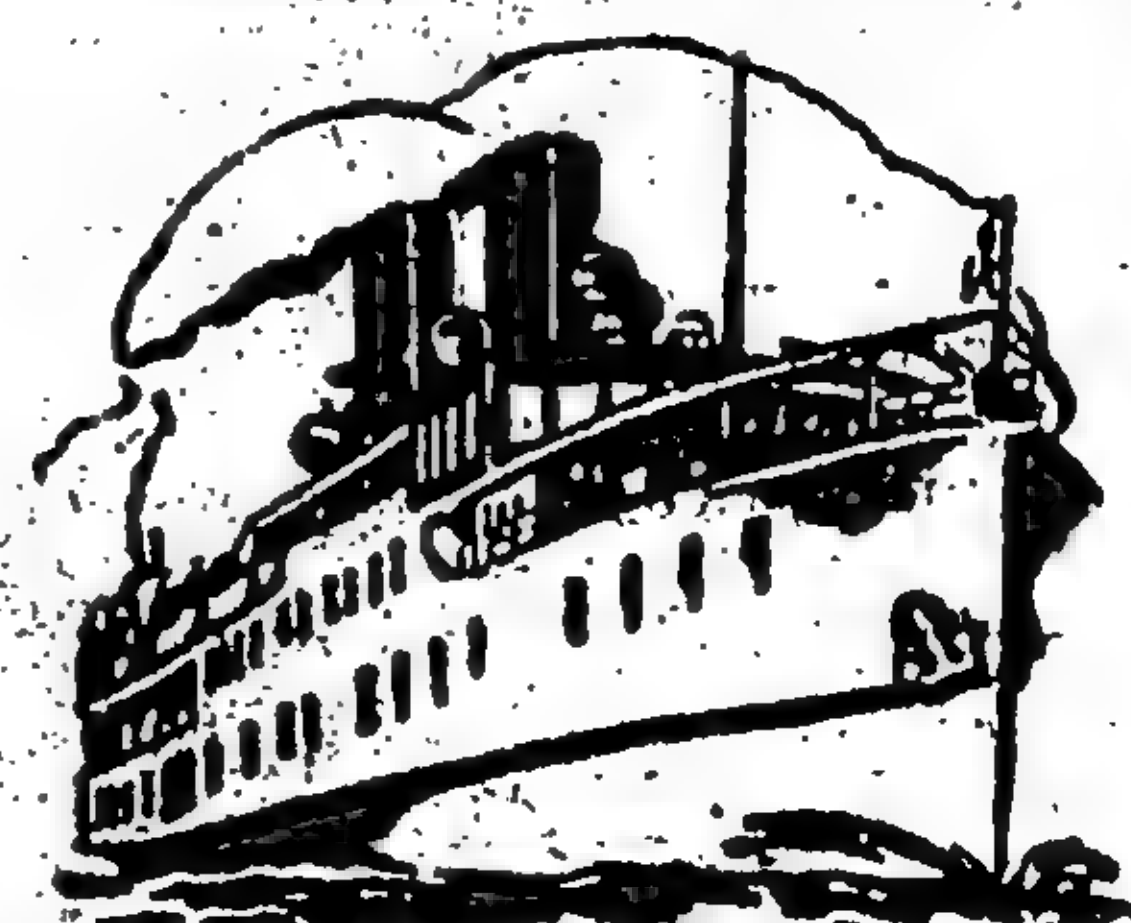
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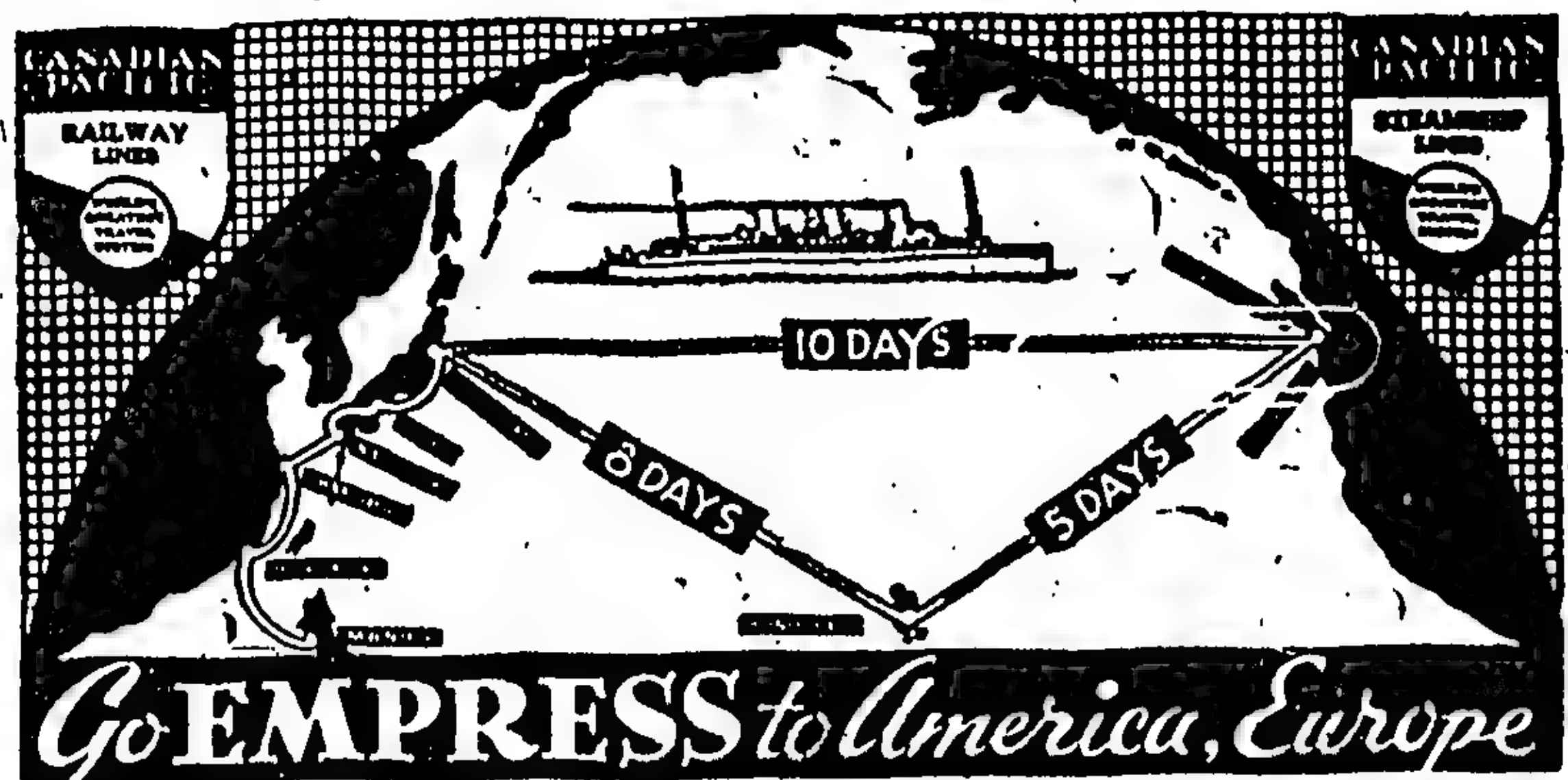
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Japanese Government bond issues at the end of 1938, as announced by the Ministry of Finance, totalled Y16,222,728,000 (£954,250,000) of which financing organisations held Y3,701,921,000, or 53%, Governmental institutions Y4,992,593,000, or 27.7%, and others, including private persons, temples and shrines, Y3,028,213,000, or 18.7%.

The total shows an increase of Y4,329,775,000 compared with December 31, 1937. — Reuter.

BOWLS TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

R.H.K.Y.C.

The following have been chosen to represent the Yacht Club in the League game on Saturday Rinks will be arranged later.

A. W. Brown, G. H. Bond, P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cornell, D. Forbes, W. J. Hansen, B. E. Maughan, A. S. Mitchell, A. Nissim, L. E. N. Ryan, R. H. Wild and A. N. Other (skip).

K.B.G.C.

R. P. Phillips, V. C. Dixon, H. White and J. G. Meyer (Skip).

A. Bower, T. Armstrong, D. W. Waterton and J. S. Logan (Skip).

E. V. Searle, K. C. Hamilton, H. E. Drew and G. E. F. Thompson (Skip).

K.B.G.C.

A. S. Russell, L. A. R. Duncan, A. J. Hall and R. Duncan (Skip).

F. Cheesman, S. M. White, W. S. Drake and W. Macfarlane (Skip).

W. L. Walker, T. E. Robson, J. C. Gill and A. M. Holland (Skip).

K.B.G.C.

C. E. Turpin, J. Watson, J. S. Dinnen and L. G. Coombes (Skip).

E. F. Pope, S. C. Walker, H. J. Bicknell and P. J. A. Hamilton (Skip).

A. Morton, G. W. Deacon, E. A. Atkins and H. L. Lockhart (Skip).

LONDON PROTEST

London, To-day.

Dr. Weizmann, Zionist leader, bitterly attacked the White Paper proposals in a meeting here last night.

He warned the Government of the inevitable consequences of this policy. — Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-3/4.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-1/16 and forward at 19-7/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6812 and the New York — London rate at £—U.S.\$4.68-1/8.

GOLD SHIPMENTS TO AMERICA

Cherbourg, To-day.

Some 5,000 kilogrammes of gold worth 150 million French francs were shipped on Wednesday to America by the "Queen Mary" on Belgian account. The stream of gold from other European countries continues. — Trans-Ocean.

GAMBLING RAID

Charged with keeping a common gaming house at No. 253, Kilung Street, a married woman, Chan Sui, 26, was this morning fined \$15 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

Twelve gamblers, all night soil coolies, and two women, were caught on the premises during a police raid under Det.-Sgt. A. Soutar last night.

Three failed to answer the charge and their bail of \$3 each was estreated. The nine others present were each fined \$2.

The table money, \$7.95, was donated to the Poor Box.

VICTIM OF A SNATCHER

Another bag snatching incident has been reported to the Police.

Miss C. E. Liu, of No. 5, Lion Rock Road, Kowloon City, had her hand-bag snatched yesterday while she was waiting for a bus in Prince Edward Road.

The bag, with contents, was valued at \$72.

DOG BITES MAN

While working in Watson's Apartments in Watson Road yesterday, a gas-fitter, Yung Poon, was bitten by a dog owned by Mr. R. Sleep.

The man was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital and the animal was taken to the Jockey Club Stables for observation.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1855 b.

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Canton Ins. \$217 b., ex. div.

H. K. Fire Ins. \$180 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS.

ETC.

H. K. Docks \$17.60 b., \$17.65 sa.

Providents \$4 1/2 b., \$4.70 s.

MINING

Antamoks Ps. .28 sa.

Baguio Gold Ps. .24 1/2 sa.

Benguet Consol. Ps. 11.70 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. .13 sa.

I. X. L. Ps. .52 sa.

Itogons Ps. .22 1/2 sa.

North Camarines Ps. .38 1/2 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. 1.05 sa.

United Paracales Ps. .55 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$5 1/2 s.

Humphreys \$7.80 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$16.45 b., \$16.60 s., \$16.55 sa.

Star Feries \$65 b.

China Lights (Old) \$8.45 b.

China Lights (New) \$5.80 b.

Sandakan Lights \$11.90 b.

Telephones (Old) \$24 s.

INDUSTRIALS

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MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6 1/2 b.

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 3 1/2 % prem. b.

CORRESPONDENCE

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Sir,—Your correspondent S.L.P. should realise the time honoured adage that silence is golden. S.L.P. should have been silent after his "deplorable result" instead of rushing into print to justify himself or alternatively to condemn his all-too-correct partner.

Having broken his silence, S.L.P. reveals both his ignorance of bridge and of logic. Out of his own mouth it is possible to judge S.L.P. Did he not, Mr. Editor, submit to you that commonsense is essential to good contract bridge. Commonsense should have taught him not to bid "four clubs" over his partner's "three spades" unless he was in a position to fulfil his contract. Where was S.L.P.'s commonsense when he made that bid.

Presumably S.L.P. insists that his partner should not only possess commonsense but the sixth sense of knowing what S.L.P.'s hand was!

Yours etc.,
Dub Bul.

ANOTHER VIEW

Sir,—The first mistake in the bidding on the hands set out by S.L.P. was, no matter what system he was playing, the opening preemptive of three diamonds. The diamond suit was far too strong in top honours for a stifling bid of that kind. Nevertheless, error one having been followed by a correct bid by North of three spades, North should not have left in the ghostly four clubs bid however puzzled he was by it. His correct call was Four Spades and this was, except for worst possible distribution, makable.

Correct bidding would have been: South, One diamond; North, One Spade; South, three diamonds; North, three spades; South, four spades (on the basis that four are easier to make than five and North's spades must be strong. ONE DIAMOND.

Summer Lassitude.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Answer to-morrow.

PRICE INSURANCE FOR FARMERS

London, To-day.

The Minister of Agriculture announced in the Commons the Government's decision on further assistance to agriculture by application of the principle of price insurance to sheep, barley and oats.

For oats the cost will be £2,120,000 in respect of 1938 crop, and the minimum liability in any one year in future will be £4,500,000.

For barley the additional cost for 1938 crop will be £800,000, and the Minister could make no estimate for the future.

In the case of sheep the expected cost will average about £900,000 per annum.—British Wireless.

QUAITI STATE DEVELOPMENT

London, To-day.

Messages from Aden state that the Sultan, Sir Saleh Bin Chalib al Quaiti, ruler of the Hardramaut State of Shihr and Mukalla, left the latter place on Tuesday for India, where he expects to stay for a few months.

The Sultan was given a loyal send-off by thousands of his subjects.

It is nearly a year since His Highness returned from an earlier visit to India, and recent reports speak of notable progress in Quaiti State over the last twelve months.

Road work has been pushed forward, a water survey undertaken and agricultural schemes prepared. Medical services and education have also received attention.

Two big changes are the institution of an organised budget and of a body of civil law hitherto non-existent.—British Wireless.

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TENNIS EXHIBITIONS

TSUI WAI-PUY'S FINE WIN OVER ARMADO SANCHEZ

Outplays Opponent After Tentative Start

Tsui Yan-Pui No Match For Ampon

(By "ADREM")

CHIEF feature of the tennis exhibitions held yesterday, in which the Philippines Davis Cup players were featured, was the fine form shown by Tsui Wai-pui, the Colony champion, in his match with Amado Sanchez, ranking No. 1 player of the P. I.

Tsui, more than matching his opponent in every phase of the game, won both sets, the second one with consummate ease.

In the other games, the visitors proved much too fast for the Rumjahn cousins over a two set double, and F. Ampon had little difficulty in wearing down Tsui Yan-pui, emerging victor by 7-5, 6-1.

There was again a large crowd present, all the cheaper seats opposite the stand being filled to overflowing. Rain threatened throughout, and at times there was a light drizzle. Playing conditions were not improved by a sharp wind and slippery court.

It was these conditions that contributed as much as anything to Sanchez's defeat. It must also be taken into consideration that he had played two very hard sets of doubles prior to this game.

A Hardcourt Player

He started off very confidently and produced some beautiful shots whilst Tsui was finding his length. From his style of play, I would definitely place Sanchez as a hardcourt player. He has little backswing to any of his strokes,

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

A. Sanchez and F. Ampon beat
H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn 7-5,
6-4.

F. Ampon beat Tsui Yan-pui
7-5, 6-1.

Tsui Wai-pui beat A. Sanchez
6-4, 6-2.

and even less follow through. His ground-strokes appear to be made more with the wrist than the body. But he manages to get heaps of power behind these shots.

Inclined to hit flat-racket on the forehand, however, the low bound of the ball had him considerably worried in the last set against Tsui and his drives almost invariably cleared the baseline by a matter of inches.

At his best he drove powerfully on the backhand and his volleying was

(By "SQUADDY")

"Who do you consider to be the best player this season?" This is a question that is often asked and I am going to do my best to sort this out as far as the Army is concerned. I shall not confine myself to any one sport, but shall cover as many as possible. In addition to those whom I consider to be the best I shall also attempt to name the most improved players.

SOCCER HONOURS LIST

Many people contend that Sheehan, of the Middlesex, was the most successful player in the Army football team this season. I am inclined to agree as there is no doubt that Sheehan gave many great displays. His efforts were all the more meritorious as he lost his partner, Watson, half way through the season and after being used to his colleague's play for so

always very crisp, although placed into the net with fair regularity.

His service when he got it in was very powerful but as on the first day, he served a great number of double-faults, on one occasion serving three in a single game.

Tsui Wai-pui played his usual masterly game after a tentative start.

In the first set he succeeded in holding his service, as did Sanchez, until the ninth game, when the Hong Kong player broke through for a 5-4 lead to go out at 6-4.

Sanchez started off the second set at a great pace. He broke through service on the first game by means of powerfully driving into the corners. He also quickened up his service considerably in the next, and led 2-0.

Tsui then came into his own. He retrieved everything and always keeping an excellent length off the ground and occasionally using his drop-shot with effect, he swept through to win the next six games in a row for set and match.

Ampon Disappoints

I was a trifle disappointed with Ampon's singles game. His displays in the doubles led me to expect far more.

His stroke production yesterday, I would place as a good deal inferior to Tsui Yan-pui's. His victory I attribute to his coolness under all circumstances, his ability to make the most of his killing opportunities and his uncanny powers of recovery. Some of the points won by him from impossible positions roused the gallery to the greatest enthusiasm.

He is a studious player and will go far. Gavia, leading exponent of the game in the P. I. rates him as the coming champion of the Far East.

The doubles match which opened the programme, was always interesting to watch once the Rumjahns realised what it was all about!

When they had settled down, they more than matched their opponents in the volleying duels, but were unable to maintain the pace set by the speedy visitors.

After reaching great heights in the first four games, which they won in quick time, neither Sanchez nor Ampon were particularly impressive, Ampon in particular having considerable difficulty with his timing, both off the ground and on the volley.

Ampon and Sanchez left last night in the President Pierce and it is understood, will play a series of exhibition matches in Shanghai.

MRS. R. M. PEARCE'S SUCCESS

Mrs. R. M. Pearce, 3 down, won the Golden Jubilee Competition for the women's section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, at Deep Water Bay on Tuesday.

Mrs. B. Leighton and Mrs. L. Blair, 4 down, were runners-up. There were 88 entries.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

long it must have been a great handicap to lose him.

I consider that Rides, of the Ordnance Corps, is worthy of honours as the most greatly improved player. Extremely modest, Rides is always wondering why he is put into representative sides, but those who have seen him play can have no doubt as to the justice of his selection.

LAND AND LOGAN

The selections in the cricket section are by no means easy and my names will no doubt cause a bit of argument. However, here goes, for better or for worse. L. Sgt. Land, of Royal Engineers, by virtue of his consistently good performances throughout the cricket season gets my vote for the best performance.

Driver Logan, of R. A. S. C., came out to the Colony with a reputation and consequently walked straight into the Army team. Despite the handicap of playing on a strange wicket, he has settled down and made certain of his position as opening batsman. I consider him, far and away, the best wicket-keeper the Army have at the moment. I rate him the player who has shown the most improvement.

As regards bowling, the obvious selection is Pte. Hatfield, of the Middlesex, who bowls consistently well despite being a trifle overworked owing to lack of good bowlers.

Runners-up position goes to Signallerman Murphy, of the Royal Signals, whose deceptive leg breaks have proved the downfall of so many batsmen this past season.

LAWN TENNIS

Tennis honours last year definitely went to Q. M. S. Warr, of Royal Engineers. Army singles champion for three years, he made a name for himself which had his opponents beaten before play commenced.

Corporal Duffield, the Ordnance star, by constant practice and steadiness, worked his way up to the final, and although well beaten by Q. M. S. Warr, did enough to deserve secondary honours.

Q. M. S. Warr has left for home now, and it will be interesting to see if there is anyone likely to replace him in local Army tennis. I doubt it, and anticipate a much closer race for honours this season.

DIGNAN'S SWIMMING

Norman, of the Artillery, was in my opinion just about level with Lt. Calvert of the Engineers for water polo honours during last season. These two were, far and away, the best on view and stood out in any team they turned out for. If a "greatest improvement" selection is to be made, I give my vote to L. Cpl. Dignan of the Signals. Starting the season knowing little about the game, he schooled himself and learned the rules to such good effect that he represented European Y.M.C.A. on several occasions, one of them being against the Army. He is a very fast swimmer and given another season should be a top-notch performer.

HOOK'S FEATS

The Hockey selections are more or less automatic. Lieut. G. W. Hook, of the Artillery, gave great displays when playing for England in the International series that he cannot be beaten for the outstanding player honour. The minor honour goes to Pte. Osman, of R.A.O.C., who proved himself the best goal-keeper the Colony has seen for many a day.

A further loss to R. E. cricket will be sustained shortly when their Captain, Q.M.S. J.R. Goodger leaves for home. A "stone-wall" type of batsman with a useful hook, he is a difficult man to move and his loss will be greatly felt. He is also a very accurate fast bowler.

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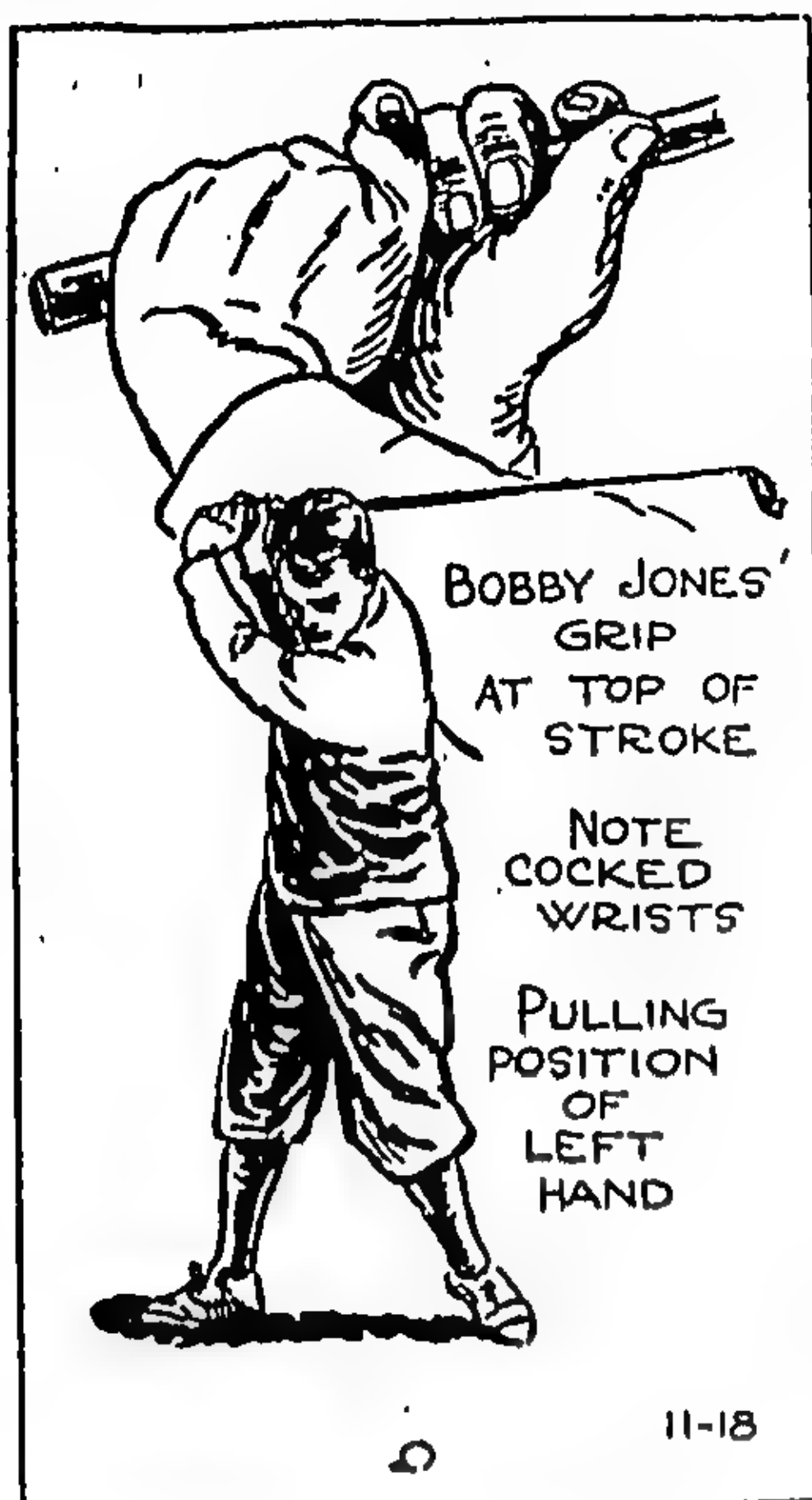
WRIST ACTION

By BEST BALL

At the top of the stroke, Bobby Jones' left hand is in an excellent position to pull the clubhead down in response to the tension set up by the left hip in turning aside. The position of the hand in respect to its original grasp at the address is unchanged, a firm grip being necessary to keep the clubhead aligned correctly. This is one of the reasons so many pros. stress the importance of strengthening the hands by exercises. The shaft is not so apt to turn in the grip and ruin the accuracy of the blow. This applies not only through the backstroke but also the downstroke when the shock of impact takes place.

At the point illustrated here the wrists are fully cocked, a quality they retain until the hitting area is reached about two-thirds of the way through the downstroke. A large measure of this preservation is possible only because the left hand pulls the clubhead down in orthodox style. If the right hand starts hitting from the top of the stroke the speed of the clubhead is dissipated before the impact point is reached.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Monday—Right and Wrong Backswing.

DAVIS CUP

FRANCE LEADS CHINA TWO MATCHES TO NIL

Paris, To-day. — Contrary to expectations, China's two tennis hopes have failed to surmount their first obstacles in the Davis Cup.

Kho Sin-kie, made a great effort against Destremau and only lost over five sets, but Boussus, further dampened Chinese hopes, when he defeated W. C. Choy, the Hong Kong boy, in four sets.

Scores:—
Destremau (France) beat Kho Sin-kie 5-7, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5, 6-0.

Boussus (France) beat W. C. Choy 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France, was among the large crowd present. The weather was dull and after yesterday's rain, the light none too good. The court was in poor condition.

Kho Sin-kie played from the back of the court for almost the whole of the game and his display was marked by characteristic doggedness.

His chief weapon of attack was a vicious cross-court drive. Destremau, however, had an effective counter in superior anticipation and execution at the net.

The slowness of the court was an advantage to Kho Sin-kie in the first two sets in which he repeatedly passed Destremau with his backhand but thereafter Destremau launched a desperate attack to which the Chinese had no answer.

In the last set, Destremau hit terrifically hard and almost swept his opponent from the court.

In the other game, Choy proved a good tactician but failed to equal Boussus in any department of the game.

The Frenchman was completely at home on the baseline and repeatedly clinched rallies with a beautifully feinted drop-shot which left Choy standing.—Reuter.

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FULL PROGRAMME OF "D" DIVISION TENNIS MATCHES

Good weather permitted five of the six games in the "D" Division of the Lawn Tennis League to be played, but with the exception of the Radio and Civil Service match all the games were one-sided affairs.

At Kowloon Tong the home team trounced Indian Recreation Club by nine sets to nil.

At Caroline Hill, Radio and Civil Service were well matched, the latter winning by the odd set, thanks to Colledge and Hooper who managed to win two sets. The other pairs shared the remaining sets.

The K.I.T.C.-Y.M.C.A. fixture was postponed owing to the poor state of both their grounds.

Scores.

At Kowloon Tong, Kowloon Tong G.C.A. beat Indian R.C. "B" by nine sets to nil.

K. Lam and S. M. Lee (K. Tong). beat K. Nazarin and S. M. Rumjahn 7-5
beat M. P. Madar and I. M. A. Razack 6-3
beat T. Hamet and A. R. Markar 6-0
P. Chen and P. Fletcher. beat Nazarin and Rumjahn 6-0
beat Madar and Razack 6-3
beat Hamet and Markar 6-1
L. S. Chan and K. M. Lee. beat Nazarin and Rumjahn 6-1
beat Madar and Razack 6-0
beat Hamet and Markar 7-5

C.S.C.C. v. RADIO

C.S.C.C. beat Radio by 6-3, on the Radio ground.

B. Baxter and L. G. Buckle (C.S.C.C.). drew with Fung Ying-sing and Chan Chun-ip 6-6
beat Wong King-wai and Ho Tak-fan 6-4
beat So Yan-kit and Tso Kwok-fai 6-2
G. J. Peaker and A. W. J. Wright. lost to Fung and Chan 3-6
beat Wong and Ho 7-5
drew with So and Tso 6-6
W. H. Colledge and J. S. Hooper. lost to Fung and Chan 3-6
beat Wong and Ho 6-4
beat So and Tso 6-0

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB

Contrary to the practice of former years, the Kowloon Chess Club this summer will not curtail its activities unless it is found that there is a slackening of enthusiasm.

It has been decided to continue the meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays and an invitation will be extended to members of the Victoria Chess Club to make use of the room at the Peninsula Hotel during the hot weather, when the institution on the Hong Kong side will close for the summer.

In an endeavour to maintain interest throughout the summer, a ladder competition is to be inaugurated. Members desirous of taking part should submit their names to the Secretary for the initial ranking.

I.R.C. v. C.R.C.

Playing at home, Indian Recreation Club "A" lost to the Chinese Recreation Club 7½-1½.

T. Ali and K. Ram (I.R.C.). lost to Cho Chung-yau and Chui To-hang 0-6
lost to Cheng Chi-wing and Li Ting-fan 1-6
drew with Wai Wei-chung and So Tung-fan 6-6
M. Hassan and A. Bux. lost to Cho and Chui 2-6
lost to Cheng and Li 2-6
beat Wai and So 6-2
S. M. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell. lost to Cho and Chui 1-6
lost to Cheng and Li 1-6
lost to Wai and So 2-6

K.D.R.C. v. K.C.C.

The Kowloon Dock Recreation Club lost to the Kowloon Cricket Club 1½-7½, playing at the losers' ground.

Millard and Anderson. drew with Perry and Blyth 6-6
lost to Gillard and Crabb 3-6
beat Bock and A. Janszowski 6-2
Lapsley and Thom. lost to Perry and Blyth 4-6
lost to Gillard and Crabb 2-6
lost to Bock and Janszowski 1-6
White and Mackenzie. lost to Perry and Blyth 0-6
lost to Gillard and Crabb 2-6
lost to Bock and Janszowski 4-6

RECREIO v. SOUTH CHINA

Playing at home, the Club de Recreio lost to South China 2-7.

R. A. Marques and A. M. Alves. beat K. C. Wong and K. T. Ng 6-4
lost to C. S. Wong and P. Y. Kwok 4-6
lost to C. M. Tsang and H. L. Wong 3-6
L. G. Gosano and L. Remedios. lost to Wong and Ng 2-6
beat Wong and Kwok 6-3
lost to Tsang and Wong 2-6
C. d'Almada e Castro and A. E. Noronha. lost to Wong and Ng 0-6
lost to Wong and Kwok 4-6
lost to Tsang and Wong 5-7

7-A-SIDE RUGBY ORIGINATOR'S DEATH: LINK WITH H. K.

By the death of Edward (Ned) Haig, which occurred at Melrose recently, one of the best known personalities in the realm of Rugby football has passed away.

As far as Hong Kong is concerned, there is a link in the Colony with Haig, in J. S. Riddell, a member of the Police team which won the local seven-a-side Rugby tournament for the season just concluded.

Two uncles of Riddell were members of the Melrose team which won the original tournament, organised by Haig.

Haig's name was known and honoured not only in Border and Scottish circles, but wherever the game is played, for he won almost universal fame as the originator of the popular seven-a-sides. Thousands who never met the man knew him by repute, and the Border clubs especially have reason to bless him for the financial benefit his invention brought them, and the Melrose Club in particular owes him a debt of inestimable value. Little did he dream when he launched his venture on the Green-yards on that memorable and now historic day in 1883 that his fame would become almost world-wide and his project would realise such far-reaching dimensions.

The Melrose Club had only been in existence for six years and was beginning to feel the need of funds, and it was Haig's fertile imagination which conceived the idea of a football tournament to raise the necessary money, and in order to carry through such a series of games in one afternoon he suggested that the number of players be halved and the time of play curtailed to twenty minutes. It was only in the appropriate nature of things that Haig should captain the Melrose seven which won the first of these tournaments, after a memorable final with Gala, and so secure the Ladies' Cup which he had been largely instrumental in providing. His idea was soon copied by the other Border clubs, and now the abbreviated game has spread far and wide, and brought to its originator a halo of glory which will never dim.

A PLAYER OF GREAT PARTS

Haig was not a native of Melrose—he belonged to the Royal Burgh of Jedburgh—but he came to Melrose as a youth, and though not particularly attracted to the game of Rugby at first, 'Eastern's E'en Ba,' which was played in the Melrose streets at that time, gave him a taste for the higher form of football, and he later joined the club and began to play in the second fifteen, which at that time was almost invincible. A year later he was promoted to the senior team and was not long in developing into a player of great parts, and to become one of the best known figures, not only in Border but in Scottish Rugby. He played at what was then known as quarter-back, first in partnership with Peter Turnbull and later with his almost equally famous colleague, David Sanderson. Although he never attained to international honours, Haig played regularly for the South of Scotland in representative fixtures, and on one occasion against Edinburgh he was opposed to such great masters of the game as A. R. Don Wauchope and A. G. G. Asher. The former Haig always considered the most finished product of the Rugby game and the finest runner he had seen.

ALWAYS A TRIER

A forceful rather than ornate player, Haig was always a trier and full of determination right up to the finish. This trait in his character was exemplified in a match which Melrose played against the Royal High School. Five minutes from time the School were leading by four goals and two tries, which caused J. P. Veitch, Scotland's full back, to remark to Haig—"You're beaten to-day, Ned." Not till the whistle blows, was the reply of the indomitable Borderer. For years after his playing days were over Haig continued to take an active interest in the Melrose Club and served for several seasons on the general and match committees. He was always seeking ways and means to keep the Melrose Club, and particularly its sports, in a premier place, and it was on his suggestion that the present cup was secured as far back as 1895.

THE FINAL WHISTLE

Haig also took part in cricket, curling, and golf, but his prowess in these spheres was nothing to what he had achieved in the Rugby football world. His death has taken place, strangely enough, just as the spring "sevens" are starting for another season, and with which his name will for ever be associated. For him the final whistle has blown, but his spirit will in the days to come still hover over the Greenyards, especially on

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS THIS AFTERNOON

Unsettled weather conditions make it extremely unlikely that a start will be made this afternoon with the Mixed Doubles Tennis League.

If tennis is possible, interest will centre in the appearance of the powerful U.S.R.C. team which is expected to win the championship.

They will be opposed to Club de Recreio, who, although not particularly strong on paper, should provide sufficient opposition to enable a fairly fair estimate to be made of the potentialities of U.S.R.C.

A close game should be seen at Hong Kong Cricket Club where Club will entertain Kowloon Cricket Club. Kowloon's chief hope of victory will be in E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Burnett, a well-tried combination which should win three sets.

C.R.C. should have little difficulty against K.C.C. "B".

PROGRAMME

The following is the programme and teams:—

Mixed Doubles

K.C.C. (B) v C.R.C.
U.S.R.C. v C.D.R.
H.K.C.C. v K.C.C. (A)
U.S.R.C.—W. A. H. Duff and Miss M. Griffiths; L. Goldman and Miss A. Taylor; Comdr. and Mrs. Clifford.
K.C.C. "A"—E. C. Fincher and Mrs. O. Burnett; G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Sweeney; A. E. P. Guest and Mrs. Clark.

K.C.C. "B"—S. A. Gray and Mrs. Smeby; D. J. N. Anderson and Miss B. Harker; A. V. White and Mrs. Knight. Reserves—Miss V. Bradbury and Mrs. Eymard.

H.K.C.C.—H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. L. R. Andrews; W. Sander and Miss J. Armstrong; T. A. Pearce and Miss D. Dodwell.

Recreio—A. V. Gosano and Miss T. Noronha; G. Remedios and Miss Botelho; A. V. Gosano and Miss A. Roza.

The C.R.C. team has not yet been definitely decided upon. The team will be chosen from the following players: W. C. Hung, Tsui Wai-pui, Tsui Yan-pui, Paul Kong, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu, Mrs. E. Litton and Miss Y. P. Leung.

ARMY TENNIS

Vickery And Wedlock Prominent

40th Coy. "B", Royal Engineers, beat 8th Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery by 5-4, in their First Division League tennis, at Sookunpoo, yesterday.

S/M. Vickery and Q.M.S. Wedlock (R.E.).

beat S/Sgt. Skinner and L/Bdr. Osborne 6-1

beat Bdr. Bennetts and L/Bdr. W. James 6-3

beat Lt. Hook and Bdr. Stone 6-4

S/Sgt. Mettam and Sgt. Davis (R.E.).

lost to Skinner and Osborne 5-7

beat Bennetts and James 6-1

lost to Hook and Stone 4-6

S/Sgt. Samways and S/Sgt. Wilson (R.E.).

lost to Skinner and Osborne 3-6

beat Bennetts and James 6-1

lost to Hook and Stone 6-8

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"SKIP'S" LAWN BOWLS NOTES**CRAIGENGOWER'S HUGE AGGREGATE AGAINST C.S.C.C.***Total Number Of Shots In Game A Record?***K.B.G.C. Record A Triple To Reverse Result Of Last Week**

Although the result cannot be described as sensational, Kowloon Bowling Green's away victory over the Electricians upset the forecast of fellow scribes and myself, who had expected all the home teams to prove victorious.

Our predictions proved correct by a single shot in as many as three cases, whilst as the other extreme, two of the Craigengower teams had huge victories, the first team compiling nearly 100 shots!

Aggregate number of shots in this match against the Civil Servants was phenomenal, over 150 being recorded, by far the largest number I have been able to trace, whilst few teams score 59 shots as did the Civil Servants and still lose, especially by such a large margin as 35 shots.

A. M. Omar was unable to turn out as third man to his brother in the Craigengower match with the result that Joe Landolt had to transfer from his position as lead. L. Gaddi, who deputised as Number One, served up some good stuff and did not by any means let the side down.

U. M. Omar was excellent as usual, and, although at one time only five to the good, he and his men simply over-rode the opposition subsequently. His team played consistently throughout whilst of the visitors, Harry Strange probably played the steadiest game and was often very dangerous.

Bradbury did not seem too happy on the second rink but despite the loss of a seven count, which might easily have been a possible, went down by only three at the final reckoning.

Key Men

The two second men on this rink were the key men, K. M. Omar doing lots of damage and "Timber" Wood playing his best game for some months. Jack Deakin as I have indicated had the mortifying experience of missing a possible by reason of being short, when there was an open draw to the kitty but he played well on the whole.

Laurie Collyer was useful but rather too inclined to go for big counts whereas one or two is good fishing against a skip of Bradbury's ability!

On the other rink, after Dick Basa had obtained the lead by reason of a seven at the fifth head, it was all Craigengower, and the rink was nearly 20 to the good.

Charlie Rossette and Dick Basa came right on to their game at this stage and both played well, the former excelling at resting out "count-savers" if I may coin a word, and Dick adding a couple or less as required.

Basa Saves

Rakusen played an unusual shot at one head when, having drawn the very first shot himself, he drove to try to carry the jack for a count of about six and it came off only for Basa to draw the first again!

I have been able to obtain little information about the match between the Indians and Police—open confession is good for the soul they say!—but I understand that A. K. Mimu played well against Joe Carey, whose lead, W. McLeod, had a good fight with Hoosen. The transposition of "Jock" Fender and Wally Mair did not have the desired effect but as the latter will no doubt soon find his form, I do not expect that any more changes will be called for as yet.

Feeling at nine, the visitors lost 13 to four heads, thanks largely to M.

R. Abbas who was again in good trim. Dallah and Jock Orem finished up square after an even game all through.

In the game between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Kowloon Dock team, which the former won on all rinks, Teddy Fincher had the biggest margin and was well worth his 10 shot victory.

Of the two leads, Willie Hyde had the better of Alec Calman, who like Glen Cooper, the visiting number two, was frequently short on a green which proved too heavy for most of the Dock players.

It was Tommy Madar who really laid the foundation for the rink's victory as he was in great form. Hubert Overy began well but went to pieces after the break and Kempton had the better of him as had the home skip over Fred Cullen, who was left with too much to do.

Ernie Kern and his men played consistently well to beat J. C. Brown's rink and although the margin was not big, the home rink always appeared to have the game in hand.

Frank Goodwin again had good support from Hughie Nish who seems to be stealing the thunder on this rink at present, but the rink had to strug-

CONVENERS-NOTE!

I have been asked to remind all Bowls Conveners

1. That entries for all the Open events, (singles, pairs and rinks) will close on Tuesday morning next. (And it is hoped that with so many new bowlers taking part this year, a record number of entries will be received).
2. That those clubs who are able to lend their greens for the Open Competitions and who have not yet indicated their willingness to do so, are asked to write to Mr. Phillips, Hon. Secretary of the Association, by the above date. It is expected that a start will be made with the pairs competition early next month.

gle hard to beat the enemy as they trailed until ten-time. The respite did the trick, however, and they never looked back, to win by a small number of shots.

Remedios' Splendid Game

Kowloon Bowling Green Club had a useful win over Club de Recreio "B" team, who were without F. X. Soares, their most successful skip last year. Owing to indisposition his place had to be taken by "Baba" Remedios who played a splendid game to beat Adam Holland, the only win the visitors had. Bob Duncan's four always had a slight edge on Johnny Basto, who pulled up some of his tea-time arrears thanks to five shots in the last couple of heads.

The younger Duncan and A. J. Hall were outstanding in the home side, neither Archie Russell nor Bob Duncan being up to scratch. The visiting skip was quite useful but as was the case the previous week, had a lot to do.

The match between B. Basto and Willie Macfarlane has been freely commented upon: a winning run of no less than 15 heads gives an indication of the home four's superiority.

Frank Cheesman had more than the measure of Johnny Remedios on whose good play I recently commented, whilst the remainder of the home rink did all that was necessary.

"SKIP" STILL MOANS ON LATE STARTS

Whilst I do not flatter myself that my remarks have any special significance or bearing on the game, I reiterate my grouse of last week re late starting. It is absolutely essential that all players should be ready to walk on the green at 4 p.m. and not stroll along about 10 or 15 minutes past, feeling that a start will not be made until that time: it must be remembered that captains are naturally reluctant to even draw for teams until their whole twelve men are present.

Finally, even under the most favourable conditions a start with the last head cannot be made at 7.35 p.m. as was done on one green last Saturday!

SECOND DIVISION**THRILLING GAME AT AUSTIN ROAD**

In a very low-scoring game at Austin Road, the locals got home after a very thrilling finish. With two games concluded and the home team three to the good, Donald Munro and Ted Thompson had three or four heads to play.

The home skip with a two count pulled up to within three of his opponent at the 18th. to make the match square.

Having chalked up a single at the next end, the local rink were laying another nice one when the skips went down a trifle open perhaps but not too easy for Munro to get at.

Thompson tried to block but was too heavy and knocked an opponent's wood in for the shot. All square again and the fun started!

To a gallery of almost 50—the first team having come over from the other green to see the fun—K. C. Hamilton put a nice one a foot through and to the right of the jack. Willie Seath was just a shade short but in the draw and his skip with a lovely effort knocked him in to lie the one.

An Exciting Finish

Then the climax! Ted Thompson who had been playing well the whole afternoon, came along with a really spectacular shot to move the jack over to his own wood again. Munro had little chance of saving, the winning wood being nicely (or nastily!) tucked away and the home skip put his wood where you and I would have done!

A noteworthy feature of the scoring was that the Taikoo team scored a four on the first head on each rink; J. C. Chalmers who played a really fine game against H. White, who did not relish his promotion to skip, was able to retain this advantage but Meyer's home rink, thanks to some good bowling and all the run of the woods, soon wiped out this early score, to go on and win by a dozen shots which proved enough to earn a victory.

Craigengower overcame the Kowloon Footballers in a surprisingly easy manner, the visitors finding it difficult to get the hang of the green. Jack Cavanagh whose consistently steady play, year in and year out, must have a good influence on his team as well as his rink, had the biggest win in beating W. V. Field by over a dozen but the other two skips were not far behind in their margin.

Bill Simpson was not available for this match and his presence was badly missed. In Marcus Souza's rink "Dan" Rosario put up some wonderful woods and nearly made his skip run out of chalk, whilst Randall as third man was also good.

Fortunate Result

Kowloon Tong and Police had a very close game, the latter at home winning by a single top. A rather fortunate result if my information is correct as Tony Basto had the chance to reverse the verdict on the last head but on an open draw failed to get within four feet of the jack with both his woods.

He actually lost by four shots despite a good recovery in which his rink chalked up nearly a dozen shots to the enemy's couple in the last half dozen heads.

Basto seems to have lost his touch in comparison with last year and apart from appearing to be out of practice, does not seem to have that steadiness which is essential to a good skip.

On two heads, for instance, he lost big counts by trying to trial the jack when a draw was quite obviously the correct shot, especially when in the first instance, he had a lead of a few shots.

Spary after losing a nap hand, retaliated at the very next head with a six, and putting on four on the last two heads, got home by one shot against "Jock" Riddell, whilst Harry Gittins—whom many consider is wasted as skip in view of his very fine game as a lead—just managed to retain a handsome early lead, to scrape home by a brace.

The Civil Servants did remarkably well to win on two rinks at Hong Kong Football Club, but Norman Bebbington's big win was enough to carry the day for the home team. His is a strong rink, with Bill Kershaw as lead and Lionel Lammert as third man whilst he himself is right back to his game which is up to First Division standard.

THIRD DIVISION**PRISON OFFICERS DO WELL IN DEBUT MATCH**

In the Third Division, Club de Recreio secured their expected win against the Kowloon Footballers, whilst the Hong Kong Footballers achieved the double by their win against the Prison Officers' Club who really did quite well in their first League game.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club by their meritorious win against the Electricians at Ming Yuen completed the Austin Road Club's triple, the first of the season. But all the thrills were packed into the match between the Yacht Club and Craigengower at North Point.

A. W. Brown, after a very tight struggle throughout, had beaten George Ladd by one shot, Bert Maughan, after a similar game, had the better of John Pau by only two, and George Costello fighting grimly against Alves, was four down with the last head to be played. And it was played I might mention incidentally, in the darkness!

Requiring one to tie and two to win, the Yachtsman appeared to have little chance when with the skips to bowl, the Craigengower men lay one, Costello, with his first wood tried to draw on the fore but failed, Alves making no change in the lie. With his number three calling for the same again, a spectator—quite wrongly—suggested a heavy one on the back hand, Costello tried this and with a couple of pounds on he burnt the head, and the sailormen chalked up a couple to win a great game.

Elvie Yuen
(Soprano) From
The Studio

To-day's Wireless

Beethoven
Quartet:
Borodin Symphony

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—The Mills Brothers.
Rhythm Saved The World (Cahn, Chaplin); Shoe Shine Boy (Cahn, Chaplin); Miss Otis Regrets (from 'Hi Diddle Diddle').
12.40 p.m.—Henry Jacques and His Orchestra.
You Couldn't Be Cuter — Quickstep (film 'Joy of Living'); The Moon Of Manakora—Waltz (film 'Hurricane'); My Heart Will Never Sing Again—Slow Fox-Trot; The First Quarrel — Waltz; Lonely Troubadour—Tango; When Bomba Plays A Rumba—Rumba.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
Happy Memories—Selection....New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
"Conversation Piece" — Nevermore (Noel Coward); I'll Follow My Secret Heart.....Gloria Grafton (Soprano) with Carroll Gibbons & His Boy Friend.
"Head Over Heels"—Selection (Gordon & Revel).... Louis Levy & His

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Gaumont-British Symphony. Vocal Refrain by Janet Lind.
"Viktoria And Her Hussar"—Vocal Gems (Abraham).... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Lalo—Symphonie Espagnole For Violin And Orchestra Op. 21. Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Georg Szell.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—On A Typical Tropical Night (from 'Go west, young man'); I Was Saying To The Moon (from 'Go west, young man').... Reggie Childs & His Orchestra.
Waltz—Close To Me; Fox-Trot—Front Page News.... Sydney Lip-ton & His Grosvenor House Band.

Tangos—San Fernando; Punto Arenas.... Heinz Huppertz & His Orch.
Fox-Trots—When A Woman Smiles; Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye.... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Here's Love In Your Eye (film 'The Big Broadcast of 1937'); Night In Manhattan (film 'The Big Broadcast of 1937').... Ted Fio Rito & His Orchestra.
Waltz—The Waltz In Swing Time (film 'Swing Time').... Johnny Green & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Keep Calling Me Sweet-heart; Poor Robinson Crusoe.... Billy Cotton & His Band.
Fox-Trots — On A Little Dream Ranch; Was It Rain? (film 'The Hit Parade').... Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Tangos—Twilight; Jingle Bells.... E. Bohr's Argentine Tango Orch.
Fox-Trot—I Need You; Novelty Fox-Trot—Dancing Moth.... Jay Wilbur & His Band.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Some Welsh Songs.
Song Of The Flood (Gwilym Hiral-thog & Ap Fychan).... William Edwards (Tenor) with Harp Accom-p. by Telynores Gwynnyll.
David Of The White Rock (arr. Roberts); The Little Thatched Cot-tage (arr. Roberts).... Lella Me-gane (Contralto) with Piano.
Mentra Gwen (Old Welsh Song); Adieu To Dear Cambria (Old Welsh Song).... Evan Williams (Tenor) with Orchestra.
7.15 p.m.—New Light Symphony Or-chestra.
Glow Worm Idyll (Lincke); Danse Des Apaches (Cuthbert Clarke); Spanish Dance No. 1 (Granados); Spanish Dance No. 2 (Granados). ...conducted by Eugene Goossens.
7.30 p.m.—Luigi Fort (Tenor) and the Orchestra Mascotte.
Once On The Rhine—Waltz (Willi Ostermann); Cavalier Waltz (Ned-bal).... Orchestra Mascotte.
Ideale (Tosti); Si Vous L'Aviez Com-mis—Melodies (Denza).... Luigi Fort (Tenor) singing first in Ita-lian and then in French. With Orchestra.
Lysistrata—Waltz (Paul Lincke); Ball Sirens—Waltz Tunes (from

'Merry Widow'—Lehar).... Orches-tra Mascotte.
Ay, Ay, Ay (Perez & Freire)...Luigi Fort (Tenor) with Orchestra.
(Sung in Italian).
Twinkling Lights—Waltz Melodies (from Operette 'Der Obersteiger'—Zeller); The Last Letter—Waltz (William Reggov).... Orchestra Mascotte.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Beethoven—Quartet In C Sharp Minor, Op. 131. Busch Quar-tet (Adolf Busch-Gosta Andreasson-Karl Doktor-Hermann Busch).
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Elvie Yuen (Soprano) and The Very Rev. Father A. Riganti (Piano).
1. (a) Vissi d'arte, vissi d'amore ('Tosca'—Puccini); (b) Chi vuol la Zingarella (Paisiello); (c) Vi-sione (Tosti).... Elvie Yuen (Soprano).
2. (a) Minuetto Variato; (b) Can-zonetta (Noniati).... The Very Rev. Father Riganti (Piano).
3. (a) Homing (Del Riego); (b) Bird Songs at Eventide (Coates); (c) Still as the Night (Bohm).... Elvie Yuen (Soprano).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—More Food for Thought'. Short talks on mat-ters of the topical interest.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—Borodin—Symphony No. 2 in B Minor. London Symphony Or-chestra conducted by Albert Coates.
10.17 p.m.—New week's programmes.
10.20 p.m.—Russian Songs.
Prince Igor—Peasants' Chorus (Bo-rodin-Rimsky Korsakov).... Soro-kin Russian Choir.
On The Volga River; The Volga Boat-man.... A Russian Choir.
10.30 p.m.—Russian Novelty Orchestra.
Waltz Of Russian Melodies (Compos-er Unknown); Beauty Waltz (Composer Unknown); Waltz Of The Lost Love (arr. Schwartz); His Dreamy Waltz (arr. Schwartz).
10.42 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Strolling In The Park; Orient Nights.... Billy Barthole-mew & His Dance Orchestra.
Waltzes—Ferdinand The Bull (from the film); The Umbrella Man (from 'These Foolish Things').... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Quickstep—Fall In And Fly; Waltz—Easy Street.... Billy Cotton & His Band.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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North	East	South	West
1♣	1♠	1NT	2♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

hold-up play coupled with a slight slip on the part of his West oppon-ent.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ A K 10
♥ A K 10 9
♦ K Q J 10 x x
♣

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Schenken
1♣	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two clubs. This is an absolute forcing bid and demands that partner show his best suit.

Score 100% for two clubs, 60% for double (since you are void in clubs, Mr. Schenken might conceivably leave the double in), 40% for two diamonds (might be passed) or five diamonds (you are giving up a possible Slam in hearts or spades), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 103

David Bruce Burnstone is your partner. Neither side is vulnerable. You have a part score of 60. You hold:

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♠ K x x x
♥ x x
♦ K x x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	You	Jacoby
1♣	2♣	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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The play by Samuel Fry, Jr., to the first trick was one that very few players would have the courage or imagination to make. West opened the seven of hearts, and when East played the Jack, Mr. Fry allowed it to hold the trick! He knew that if he were to win the first trick, East would be certain to obtain the lead and play through his heart ten, in which event West would run off the remainder of the heart suit.

Surprised at winning the first trick, East returned his remaining heart and West won the second trick with the King. If West had now cashed his heart Ace, the contract would have been defeated; but he was afraid to set up a heart trick for Declarer. West obligingly shifted to a spade, which East won. On the spade, return Mr. Fry, crossed the Jack, then led a club and ducked in dummy. East's club Queen was the last trick that the defense won, so that Mr. Fry made his contract by this very unusual

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Dashing into the local police station just before noon, the lunatic gasped out that two of his brothers had just been brutally butchered in cold blood by a gang of bandits.

Issuing an emergency call, the entire local police force went into action. The Chief posted his men at strategic intervals to cut off the retreat of the malefactors, and while the lunatic looked on in secret glee, they attacked with drawn swords.

Bursting into the house, they found the lunatic's wife quietly washing dishes, humming a Korean ballad. — Reuter.

"PEOPLE'S CAR"

Berlin, To-day.

It is stated that production of the people's car on an experimental scale will begin on May 26, exactly one year after the foundation stone of the new works was laid by Herr Hitler.

BRITAIN'S NEW OFFER TO SOVIET

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to Poland and Rumania, she became involved in warlike complications.

French diplomatic quarters state that the reply is the outcome of the long discussions between Lord Halifax, Sir Robert Vansittart and M. Maisky, and acceptance by Moscow is expected. — Trans-Ocean.

HOPE OF AGREEMENT

Paris, To-day.

Several Paris newspapers, particularly "Intransigeant," hold out hopes of an early agreement.

The "Paris Soir" paints a similar picture of the present state of the parleys and repeats the report that Lord Halifax will pay a visit to Moscow after attending the League Council, if in the meantime nothing comes of the negotiations. — Trans-Ocean.

CZECH FINANCE

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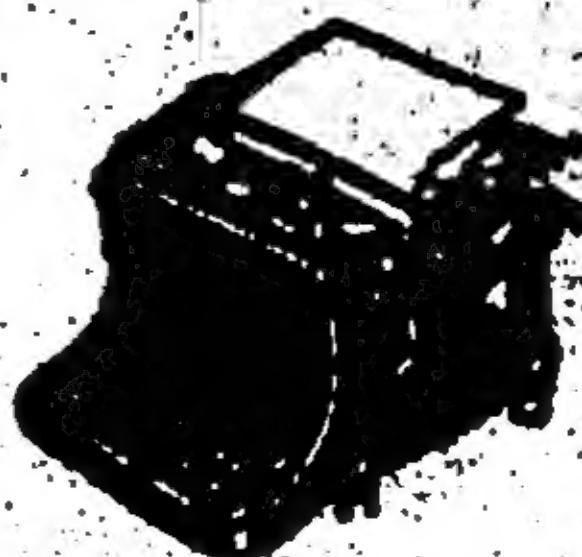
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